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Date of sail.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with.	Tons.
4th Oct.	India	8000	Aden	10000
11th "	Salsette	8000	Aden	10000
18th "	Arabia	8000	Aden	10000
25th "	Salsette	8000	Aden	10000
31st "	Arabia	8000	Aden	10000
7th Nov.	India	8000	Aden	10000
14th "	Salsette	8000	Aden	10000
21st "	Arabia	8000	Aden	10000
28th "	Salsette	8000	Aden	10000
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SAILINGS 1914.

Steamer.	Tons.	Leave Bombay about.	Leave Karachi about.
City of London	8000	7th Nov.	---

PRING 1915.

Steamer.	Tons.	Leave Karachi about.	Leave Bombay about.
City of Manchester	8000	3rd Feb.	6th Feb.
City of Glasgow	8000	10th Feb.	13th Feb.
City of London	8000	17th Feb.	20th Feb.
City of India	8000	24th Feb.	27th Feb.
City of Paris	8000	3rd Mar.	6th Mar.
City of Rome	8000	10th Mar.	13th Mar.
City of Athens	8000	17th Mar.	20th Mar.
City of Egypt	8000	24th Mar.	27th Mar.
City of Persia	8000	31st Mar.	3rd Apr.
City of China	8000	7th Apr.	10th Apr.
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S. S. Elysia	6385	J. Kinnaird	24th March
S. S. Olympia	5124	J. L. Henderson	29th March
S. S. Circe	6725	C. P. Osborne R.D.	15th April
S. S. Scindia	5108	Wm. K. Ede	27th April
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INDIAN TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

AN EXAMINATION will be held in Bombay, Karachi, Poona and Belgaum on MONDAY, the 10th November, 1914 for forty appointments as probationers in the European and Anglo-Indian portion and ten appointments in the Indian portion of the Signalling establishment of the Indian Telegraph Department, Bombay Circle. Candidates should be between the ages of 15 and 20 of girls, and must have passed the VII Standard of a European School and the VI of an English teaching school. They will be examined in Dictation only, at the Local Telegraph Office. Applications accompanied by birth, school and nationality certificates in original (nationality certificates not required in case of Indians), must be made to the Postmaster General, Telegraph Traffic Branch, Bombay, so as to reach him on or before the 8th November 1914. No applications will be considered unless accompanied with the certificates mentioned above in original. Candidates should state where they wish to be examined. Probationers will receive an allowance of Rs. 20/- per mensem while under training extending over a period of twelve months and if successful in final examination will be appointed as Telegraphists.

C. BABINGTON,
For Postmaster-General,
Telegraph Traffic Branch, Bombay.
Bombay 23rd October, 1914. 4251

MARSLAND PRICE AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of MARSLAND PRICE & COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 40, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th November, 1914, at 5.30 p.m., for adopting Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year, electing the Shareholders' appointing Auditors and declaring a dividend.

By Order of the Board,
LALUBHAI SAMALDAS & CO., Agents,
Bombay, 30th October 1914. 4292

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of members will be held at the Club House on WEDNESDAY, the 11th November, 1914, at 6.30 p.m.

R. A. CARRUTHERS, Colonel,
Secretary.

NOTICES.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 1038 OF 1913.
THE FIRM OF KUPPA DOLLA and COMPANY, of Bombay, carrying on business as money-lenders at Pydhonie, outside the Fort, for themselves and on behalf of all the other creditors of PARWATIBAI, widow of GORDHANDAS RAGHUNATHDAS, who was carrying on business in the name, style or firm of Raghunath Tarachand Plaintiffs.

1. PARWATIBAI, widow of GORDHANDAS RAGHUNATHDAS, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Dā Lāle Road, outside the Fort, carrying on business under the name, style or firm of Raghunath Tarachand Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given under O. 1, R. 8, that the plaintiffs above-named have filed this suit on behalf of themselves and all other creditors of Bai Parwatibai, widow of GORDHANDAS RAGHUNATHDAS, who was carrying on business under the name, style or firm of Raghunath Tarachand praying for the following reliefs:—

- That it may be declared that the mortgage dated 6th July, 1912, executed by the 1st defendant in favour of the 2nd defendant is valid and inoperative as against the plaintiffs.
- That it may be declared that the said firm of KUPPA DOLLA and Co., are entitled to recover the moneys due to them by attachment of the moneys in the hands of the Receivers in Suit No. 59 of 1909.
- That if necessary the 2nd defendant firm may be directed to refund all moneys recovered by them from the said Receivers.
- That in the alternative and in the event of its being held that the said mortgage of 6th July, 1912, be valid it may be declared that the same is operative to the extent of Rs. 12,000 only and that the said firm of KUPPA DOLLA and Co. are entitled to recover their claim said balance in the hands of the said Receivers.
- That the defendants or either of them may be ordered to pay the plaintiffs' costs of the suit.
- That the plaintiffs may have such further and other relief as this Hon'ble Court may think fit to grant.

And that the hearing of the suit has been fixed for Monday, 9th November, 1914.

Dated this 27th day of October, 1914.

(Sd.) P. B. MALABARI,
For Prothonotary.

(Sd.) P. B. MALABARI,
The 27th day of October, 1914.

Messrs. MEHTA, DALPATRAM & LAJJI,
4294 Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 304 of 1914.
THE FIRM OF KUPPA DOLLA & Co. of Bombay carrying on business as money lenders at Pydhonie outside the Fort for themselves and on behalf of all the other creditors of Parwatibai widow of GORDHANDAS RAGHUNATHDAS who was carrying on business in the name style or firm of Raghunath Tarachand Plaintiffs.

PARWATIBAI widow of GORDHANDAS RAGHUNATHDAS of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant now residing at Navi Khadi in Porebunder Kathiawar carrying on business under the name style or firm of Raghunath Tarachand and (2) SHAH VIRJI MADHWOJI of Bombay a share broker residing at Holi Bazar within the Fort of Bombay but at present temporarily residing at Porebunder in Kathiawar Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given under O. 1 R. 8 that the plaintiffs above-named have filed this suit on behalf of themselves and all other creditors of Bai Parwatibai widow of GORDHANDAS RAGHUNATHDAS who was carrying on business under the name style or firm of Raghunath Tarachand praying for the following reliefs:—

- That it may be declared that the mortgage dated 8th August 1912 executed by the 1st defendant in favour of the 2nd defendant is void and inoperative as against the plaintiffs.
- That it may be declared that the said firm of KUPPA DOLLA and Co. are entitled to recover the moneys due to them by attachment of the moneys in the hands of the Receiver in Suit No. 59 of 1909.
- That in the alternative and in the event of its being held that the said mortgage of the 8th of August 1912 is valid it may be declared that the same is operative to the extent of Rs. 4,000 only and that the said firm of KUPPA DOLLA and Co. are entitled to recover their claim said balance in the hands of the said Receivers.
- That the defendants or either of them may be ordered to pay the plaintiffs' costs of the suit.
- That the plaintiffs may have such further and other relief as this Hon'ble Court may think fit to grant.

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The selected candidate will be required to join as soon as possible after appointment. Applications will be received up to 12 noon on 10th November 1914.

By order of the Trustees,
A. C. W. FOSBERY, M. Inst. C. E.,
Chief Engineer.

NOTICES.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V. by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of NANGSEY NANJI WASTE cotton broker. Deceased.

PASSOO DEWJI of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant residing at Mandvi outside the Fort of Bombay, son of the brother of the deceased. Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the above-named deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir BASIL SCOTT KNIGHT, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this Twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen and in the fifth year of our Reign.

(Sd.) A. M. KAJIJI,
Registrar.

(Sd.) P. B. MALABARI,
The 26th day of October 1914.

Messrs. DASTUR & CO.,
Petitioners' Attorneys.

THE GOA COIR AND OIL MILLS CO., LD., BOMBAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at 4 p.m. (S. T.) on SUNDAY, the 8th of November, 1914, at the YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION ROOMS, Anmol House, Girgaum Back Road, for transacting the following business:—

- To adopt the Report and Balance of the Company up to the end of the October, 1914.
- To consider the advisability of winding up the Company voluntarily and to appoint liquidator with all necessary powers.
- To consider any proposal that may be put forward in the interests of the Company.
- To transact any other business that may be placed before the meeting.

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Messrs. D'LAL M. & CO., will sell by public auction at their rooms in El. Circle, Fort near Kemp & Co. THIS DAY SATURDAY at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), the teak and black wood mahogany polished carved furniture and crockery. Furniture such as dining tables, arm and armless chairs, fancy velvet and tapestry lined drawing room suites, flower pot stands, chest of drawers in two pieces, bamboo chairs and footstools, blackwood half tables, teak, and black wood round tables, marble top tables, phonograph with 40 bangles, oil painting pictures, book stands, cricket bats, tennis bats, easy chairs, meat safe, fancy wall pags, dinner set, fancy cases, table lamps, jars, etc. etc.

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Hira building in Loharchawl near market all the remaining stock in
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Nassarbhoj Hassam Toy merchant on
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Baba garries, folding cars, go-carts, Tricy-
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pocket and household electric lamps and
torches, batteries, a large assortment of
alarm and other timepieces, footballs and
tubes, cricket sets, hockey sets, a good lot
of draught and other games, butter
churns, school bags, wall push brackets,
photo frames, braces, belts, birds cages,
leather suit cases, thermos bottles, hair and
clothes brushes, a large variety of cutlery,
assorted Japanese counts, cash boxes, fancy
plush and leather writing cases and
jewellery and workboxes, a charming lot of
presentation platedware consisting of
cruets, pickle and jam frames, butter pots,
dishes, trays, liquor sets, napkin rings,
egg frames, inkstands, biscuit boxes, c-
bells, soda syphons, jardiniere, and pots,
fancy Japanese goods, and all the furni-
ture of the shop such as show cases, cup-
boards, benches, tables, chairs, electric
lights, fans etc.The above goods will all be sold off in
small lots to suit all the purchasers.

WEEKLY SALE.

On TUESDAY, the 3rd November at 3
p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Company,
Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction at
their Rooms at Meadows Street, Fort, a lot
of furniture grey and colour piece-goods and
sundry.Furniture such as drawing room suites of
sofas and chairs, lined tapestry, cupboards,
tables, chairs, teapots, iron cots, etc.

At 2-30 p.m. (S. T.).

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AUCTION SALE OF THE REMAINING
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(S. T.), all the following remaining stock-
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lamps, pin proof tyres, Dunlop tyres,
Rubber pipes, Horns, bugles, gear cases,
pedals, screw, tyres, cement, etc., and the
shop furniture such as show cases, tables
chairs, cupboards etc.A deposit of 25 p. c. will be required at the
time of sale.

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WEEKLY SALE.

ON MONDAY, the 2nd November, 1914
at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD
& Co., will sell by public auction at their
rooms No. 16, Apollo Street, Fort, the
valuable new designed household and office
furniture, a great quantity of assorted
price goods, sundry goods and horses and
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ing and writing tables, single and double
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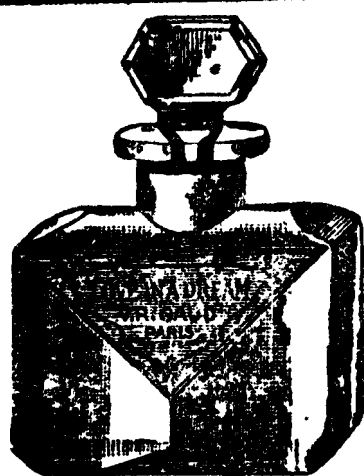
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PSYCHOLOGY OF NOISE.

NERVES IN BATTLE.

GERMAN SHELLS AND CHINESE YELLS.

Nerve-shattering seems to be one of the great fighting implements that Germany has depended on in this war, says "The Standard." In ancient times Manchurian warriors, well knowing the psychology of their Chinese opponents, made abominable noises, and the Chinese ran away. Somewhere about the time however, that General Gordon came into China the Manchurians discovered that these methods were obsolete. And it is absolutely certain at the present moment that the firing of big noisy shells around the widespread hiding places of British infantry has far less effect on their nerves than the old battle yells of the East.

A German shell propelled from a huge howitzer contains a very interesting charge. The main part of it is a chemical known as trinitro-toluene, a bright yellow substance which looks very much like Demerara sugar and is just as harmless when it is left alone.

It is not easy to make and not easy to destroy. Put a light to it and it will flare up but give no violent explosion. Encase it in a shell of steel, with a detonator (just like the cap at the end of a cartridge), and it will make a tremendous noise. Moreover, it will do a lot of damage in its immediate neighbourhood.

THE STAIN OF NITRIC ACID.

No shell of this kind can ever stop steady industry. We hear stories of men turning yellow when they have been near an explosion, but this is probably due to some action of the nitric acid from imperfectly exploded material. For nitric acid has a way of staining the skin much as tincture of iodine has.

The power of the shell, however, is gigantic. If its charge were burned away quietly it would send some millions of cubic feet of gas into the air. If it is detonated in a thousandth part of a second those millions of cubic feet of gas, with their steel casings, crush everything in their immediate vicinity to the finest powder, and make an abominable noise about it.

This is the reason that so many people who have no experience of high explosives believe that "dynamite strikes downwards." Neither dynamite nor any other explosive strikes in any particular direction. All strike all round. If their explosion is quick they expend themselves in the air just as much as in the solid rocks.

PEPPERED WITH DUST.

The effect that men see is on the rock, not on the air; but when dynamite is carefully exploded inside a shell of steel it grinds it up in every direction, and probably peppers a lot of steel dust on anyone standing 100 yards away.

A hole made by a high explosive shell in an infantry entrenchment is therefore infinitely less destructive than one made by the same kind of shell in a battleship.

Our men were taught this in the Boer war, when they found out that lyddite very seldom killed anyone. It frightened a hundred, possibly killed two, crushed many rocks, and stained every organic thing—trees, grass, horse, or man—an intense yellow.

Lyddite, like melinite, is a form of picric acid. The only difference between this and the German shell-charge is that while the English and French is made out of carbolic acid the German is made out of a light coal oil, known as toluene—not benzene. The difference may seem subtle, but it gives all the difference in the world in the explosive effect.

MEN AND MATERIAL.

Whichever high explosive should be used, either the shaly flakes of picric acid or the yellow grains of trinitro-toluene, they must be fused, poured into a shell of steel, and fitted with a suitable detonator. In each case the explosion of a shell makes a terrible noise and causes intense local destruction.

Against infantry or cavalry widely spread it depends for its effect on the nerve-shattering noise. Against a warship or against a fort it depends on its grinding power. Our men refuse to have their nerves shattered, but the ruined walls of Rheims Cathedral will testify for many years to come that the explosive shattering one statue seldom hurt its next door neighbour.

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PRICE PAID BY THE TURCOGS IN TAKING SAINT-MARIE.

Mr. Jonas M. Chretien, an American attorney who made a journey to the eastern frontier of France to search for a lady, thus describes the taking of the heights of Sainte-Marie by the Turcos:—"On the hill commanding the town a German battery was in position, and many charges by French infantry had failed to silence it.

"Eventually the Turcos were rushed against it. They charged furiously up the hill, six hundred strong. The position was taken, but at what cost! Only twelve answered the roll-call as the tricolour floated over the town, and eleven of them were more or less badly wounded. "But what did it matter if they had all perished," said the Survivors, so long as France was back in Alsace."

When Sir John Wallis took his seat on Thursday on the first appellate bench of the Madras High Court the Advocate-General as head of the legal profession in Madras, congratulated his Lordship on his confirmations as the Chief Justice in succession to Sir Arnold White. Sir John made a graceful reply.

AFTER THE WAR.

FRENCH SOCIALIST'S VIEW.

The "Guerre Sociale" of Paris publishes a long and important letter from the veteran Republican, M. Alfred Naquet, who has attained a great age and is suffering from an incurable malady. The general interest of the letter consists in the proposals for a settlement after the war which M. Naquet says are made by a large number of Republicans.

They would dismember the Austrian Empire, which "has never been a nation, but an army of bandits united under an Emperor who is a brigand chief." They would make an enlarged Serbia, an enlarged Roumania, a completed Italy, and join together the other Slav populations in a Balkan Confederated Republic. Germany must restore what she has stolen—Alsace-Lorraine to France, the Duchy of Posen to a reconstituted Poland, Schleswig-Holstein to Denmark, but no part of Germany that is really German must be taken from her, and if the German people have the courage to proclaim a republic the German parts of Austria should be allowed to join, if they wish, the new German Federation. Belgium should be given the German Congo, and also, in order to show that the action of France was disinterested, what remains of the French Congo. M. Naquet would also give to Belgium a selection of the works of art in the German museums, sufficient to compensate her for the destruction of Malines and Louvain, so far as it is possible to make compensation for it. He also contemplates a reasonable war indemnity, of which Belgium should have a large share.

M. NAQUET'S FEARS.

M. Naquet is much concerned about certain "ridiculous proposals" which he says are beginning to be circulated, and which "are calculated to revive all that we are trying to suppress." These proposals, which he attributes, without apparent reason, to foreign influence, are to destroy the unity of Germany, annex in part to Belgium and in part to France the whole of the left bank of the Rhine, revive the old German independent monarchies of Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg, &c., impose on these States collectively a war indemnity of such magnitude that it will take them a century to pay it off, and they will not be able even to maintain in modern conditions the army of 40,000 men which Napoleon allowed to Prussia. Prussia would be made an independent kingdom, and the Hohenzollerns having been expelled, the throne would be given to a member of the Cumberland family.

M. Naquet declares that such a settlement would discredit the French protest against the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine, and would be a retrospective justification of that annexation on the principle that might is right. It would degrade Belgium from her lofty moral position, and bring about a racial conflict from which she would emerge exhausted and diminished. Moreover, as the separated States of Germany would be pushed by popular aspirations, they would be obliged to come together again, and their unity would be more solid than ever. A Cumberland monarch would be as unpopular in Prussia as were the restored Bourbons in France, and would soon be deposed. In conclusion, M. Naquet appeals to Germany to avert these dangers by herself de-throning the Emperor and establishing a republic, and says that such action on the part of Germany would mean the end of the war. The importance of these remarks lies not only in the eminent position of the writer, but also in the fact that they are representative of a considerable section of French opinion.

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THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE.

Saturday, October 31, 1914.

PORT TRUST FINANCE.

Whether the flag follows trade or trade follows the flag we do not pretend to discuss. They are converse propositions the truth of each of which logicians would easily establish. If, as the poet says, war comes disguised as commerce then it may be true that it is the flag which brings trade in its train. Thus went the Spanish to win gold and silver from South America and the Portuguese and Dutch from the East Indies. But the Honourable the East India Trading Company, which first received its charter from Queen Elizabeth, may claim the converse of the proposition. Its ships came purely for trading purposes, till its servants in 1612 and afterwards were able under the protection of the British flag, to establish factories in Surat, Calicut, Masulipatam, Dacca and other places. But in a wider sense, your economists on international trade will contend that the world's commerce is possible only with each nation's flag peacefully flying high in the breeze. Each commercial nation flourishes because its flag gives protection to its traders wherever they may be planted and if at the present juncture British trade goes on merrily in spite of the great titanic struggle, it is because the Union Jack spreads far and wide over the high seas. This, however, is a preamble suggested by the present conditions of the world's trade. That India has taken vast strides in commerce during the last fifty years, is undoubtedly owing to Pax Britannica which spreads her white wings over the entire peninsula. Just contrast the state of things a century ago. How the Portuguese and the Dutch fought till both were ousted by the French and the British, till again the latter eventually remained masters of "East India." Nor should we forget the piratical tribes of the Sadus and the Angrico and the Moplahs, at any rate on the Malabar Coast from Broach down to Calicut. It is indeed a fascinating history of Indian commerce during the first thirty years of the nineteenth century which the Gamaliels of our brand new College of Commerce should well impress on the infant Gamaliels learning at their feet. Then there was the internecine war of tariff which ought not to be forgotten, namely, the heavy import duties of an intolerable character on Indian "calicoes" (generally in the United Kingdom which began in the reign of Queen Anne, and the light export duty levied by the same authority on English goods consigned to the East Indies. How England flourished and India was impoverished in her great industry is another story which this war of tariff discloses. Each and all hampered Indian trade till the policy of the Free Traders revolutionised the country and wrought slowly, but steadily, fresh prosperity, the ample fruits of which are to be discerned for the last thirty years and more.

But we must turn to the theme of this article. The Port Trust is indeed a lucky organisation. From the days of its establishment it has been uniformly prosperous. But the merchants of today, whether European or Indian, Free-traders or Protectionists, know next to nothing of those broad-minded, level-headed and saga-

cious merchants, who were the pioneers of the Port Trust and laid wide and deep those foundations on which all the prosperity of the organisation is found. It was the Flemings and the Scotts, the Bythells and the Forbes, the Grahams and others who steered the vessel of the Port Trust in its infancy, not forgetting that keen-eyed and shrewd American, Mr. G. A. Kultridge, who afterwards so successfully launched the Bombay Tramway Company and enriched its proprietors beyond the dreams of avarice. Neither can the present generation of merchants forget the debt of gratitude they owe to the influence of the press, the "Times of India," with that fine economist, the late Mr. Martin Wood, as editor, and the "Bombay Gazette," alas, now gathered to its majority, but which was so great a power and influence under the late Mr. James Maclean. Succeeding Trustees have no doubt done their work well and we have no reason to belittle it. But it was those stalwarts who did the spade work with the great support of the press, which incessantly reminded a too slow-going and narrow-minded Government of its duty towards this great entrepot of commerce and the gate of Asia. Neither should we forget to recount the services of those capable helmsmen, the chairmen and the engineers, who have had in succession the charge of the bark, which from the minnow has now grown into a Triton. There were Colonels Ballard and Merewether, and the great Thomas Ormeston, and there was Sir Walter Hughes with Mr. Messent. The last is still with us to our extreme gratification. And we have now Sir Frederick Sprott, who has so ably brought the latest colossal undertaking of the Alexandra Docks to a completion.

Latterly, specially during the last five years during which India's foreign trade has taken great strides, the Port Trust revenue has naturally taken upward leaps. So much so that each year the Administration Report tells us that it has been a "record year." The phrase has now grown common place and lost all its charm. It must be reserved for some future occasion, when a big boom of revenue in a single year justifies the pronouncement of that pleasing shibboleth. Last year the revenue reached nearly 99 lakhs of rupees, being an increase of 10 lakhs over the preceding one. All items of receipts showed a healthy growth but expenditure was kept within bounds. It was eighty-two lakhs, leaving a fat surplus of 16½ lakhs to swell the Revenue Reserve, which is now recorded at 1.05 crores. The capital expenditure during the year, chiefly on the Alexandra, Hughes and Mazagon docks, was 1.54 crores. This is the broad tale of Port Trust finance for 1913-14. The triennium, ending with 1907, showed an average income of seventy-three lakhs. The next ending with 1911 of nearly 80 lakhs, and the last, ending with 1913, of ninety lakhs and over. It is a growth of 17 lakhs on the average and equal to 23 per cent. The capital debt from the beginning now amounts to 12.96 crores. The volume of trade was valued at 209 crores, while the vessels which entered the port were 1,577 with a tonnage of 31.35 lakhs. The largest vessel in the dock was the Cleveland with 16,960 tons. Altogether we are rejoiced at this prosperity of the Trust which is certainly owing to the docks; though it should not be forgotten that it is also a big ground landlord earning rich ground rents by way of leases amounting to twelve lakhs. The Municipality and the Port Trust are two of our best and most flourishing organisations. All honour to those men of the past who have worked so well and nobly to their respective prosperity.

Notes of the Day.

Prince Louis' Resignation.

The resignation of Prince Louis of Battenberg is a sensational event as to which we trust the Government at Home will vouchsafe some sort of explanation. Prince Louis, though of German birth and German descent, has spent his life in the British Navy, which esteems him as a brilliant officer, one of its most able tacticians and strategists, and loves him for his many endearing qualities. This popularity Prince Louis has won for himself, for German Princes, are not apt to be popular in the

British services, just as he has won his way to the greatest post open to a British naval officer by sheer merit. If Prince Louis had resigned at the outbreak of the war one could understand that he had gracefully retired in deference to a possible feeling on the part of the public, that in spite of the known fact that his Highness is about as British in thought and character as anyone can be, it was not quite the thing to have a naturalised German in the executive control of Britain's "Sure Shield." But that reason ceased to exist once the occasion offered by the outbreak of the war, had passed.

The Battenbergs.

The Battenbergs are a notable family. Theirs is not a Royal House. It was founded by a lady who became the morganatic wife of Prince Alexander of Hesse in 1851 and was accorded the title of Countess (Gräfin) of Battenberg a town in the Grand Duchy of Hesse. The children, of whom Prince Louis is the eldest, were given the title of Prince and Princess, and the dignity of Serene Highness. The family was left badly off, but the young princes were good-looking, extraordinarily so, and charming and all managed to make their way. Prince Louis entered the British Navy, in which he has achieved so much distinction, and married one of the Princess's of his father's house. His second brother was chosen as the first Prince of Bulgaria, and displayed notable qualities as a ruler of that difficult country, until Russian intrigue procured his abdication. The third brother was the well-known Prince Henry of Battenberg, who married Princess Beatrice, the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria, and died in the Ashanti Expedition of 1895. He was the father of the Prince Maurice of Battenberg, who has just died of his wounds in France. Prince Louis has a son in the Navy, and two other nephews, brothers of the late Prince Maurice, in the Army.

German Submarines Off Belgium.

The news that is published by the Dutch paper "Handelsblad", that German submarines are being sent to Zeebrugge by railway, where they will be mounted and sent against the British fleet is probably old. We know already from our own official reports that submarines have been acting, without success, against the flotilla which has been bombarding the Germans near Nieuport and Ostend. These vessels must have been brought overland as it is exceedingly unlikely that they have come round by sea from Heligoland or Wilhelmshaven. Zeebrugge is a small quayside, near Blankenberghe, the popular Belgian watering place north of Ostend. It is hardly likely that the Germans will find it a very comfortable naval base and it is likely very soon to receive the attention of the guns of the British flotilla, if that attention has not already been paid it.

An Important Capture.

It is interesting to learn from the mail papers of an important capture made on the sea-board of the North Sea, which should have done something to interfere with the operations of the enemy's submarines. "There seems no doubt," says "The Statesman," that during the past three weeks the submarines of the German Navy have been active at such a distance from any possible harbour base that, in view of the ascertained limit of their range of action, the character of the German supply ships, which were provisioning them, became a pressing problem. There is reason to believe that the problem was solved in striking fashion two weeks ago, and that the clever work which marked the solution of it when it can be described will be well worthy of record. It is reported that a neutral ship was taken with an excess of spare hawsers, and these proved to be mere coverings for steel drums of oil fuel for the German submarines!

German Ante-War Preparations.

In the same connection news comes from Capetown, which not only confirms the suspicion that Germany was preparing for this war before the Sarajevo assassinations, but throws out a suggestion as to one possible reason of the success of the Emden's exploits. "The Times" correspondent at Capetown says a German cruiser, the Eber, was in dock at Capetown a few days before the outbreak of war, and got away just in time. An intercepted letter addressed to the commander contained certain instructions from Berlin, which were dated June 14 (i.e., a fortnight before the Sarajevo murders, which were the ostensible cause of war). These instructions revealed a complete system for coaling the German Navy on the outbreak of war through secret service agents in Capetown, New York, and Chicago. The commander of the Eber was given the names of shippers and bankers with whom he could deal confidentially, the essence of the plan being that a collier would leave Table Bay, ostensibly bound for England, but really to meet a German warship at an agreed rendezvous.

It will be recalled that Austrian mobilisation papers printed before the murders reached the Far East at the same time as the declaration of war.

The Same Old War Office!

The War Office at Home does not seem to have departed from some of its most famous traditions in spite of the presence of Lord Kitchener. "Truth" in fact alleges that it is showing increased arrogance towards those who come to offer their services to Whitehall. The other day a retired officer called to say he was anxious to serve in any capacity, whether on land, sea, or air, but was told there were "crowds of men" waiting to be employed, and when he reminded the jack-in-office whom he was interviewing of Lord Kitchener's speech calling for applications, he was shown the door, with the polite admonition that "the Empire could take care of itself without his services." Again, a doctor who has a very good West End practice says that he, too, went to the War Office to offer his services, not because he wanted to give up his practice, but as an act of patriotic duty. On arrival he was cross-examined as though he had been a pick-pocket, and finally told that his name would be noted, but no promise of employment could be given him unless he could get some "influential" people to back his application. The doctor went back to his patients.

The Commander of the Ulster.

Major General Charles D'Oyly, of the Indian Army, is to go out in command of the Ulster Volunteer Division, which now numbers some 11,000 men. General Powell, who is fifty-seven years of age, is not new to war, having seen a good deal of active service as a staff officer in various campaigns on the North-Western Frontier of India. In 1900 he went to China during the Boxer trouble, and was appointed senior British representative on the staff of Field-Marshal Waldersee, who was Commander-in-Chief of the Allies. His last appointment was the command of the Jullunder Brigade, which he gave up in 1912, since when he has been on half pay.

Official and Personal.

M. A. T. Stowell, Officiating Traffic Manager, N. W. Railway is appointed Assistant Secretary, Railway Board (Traffic Department).

On return from leave Mr. M. F. Gauntlett I.C.S., will, it is expected, again take up his appointment of Accountant-General of Railways.

KARACHI TRADE MARK CASE.

APPEAL ALLOWED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

KARACHI, Oct. 30.

In a recent trade-mark case in Karachi the firm of Messrs. Narumal Khemchand were convicted of infringing the rights of the Bombay Company, Limited.

They appealed against the conviction and the appellate court, in allowing the appeal, said:—The complainants' firm have alleged that they have for a long time imported chintz printed with a particular design or pattern, and that the accused firm has recently imported a similar chintz printed with a similar design. It has been alleged that the design or pattern amounted to a trade mark and that copying of the design or the pattern amounted to an offence either under Section 496, of the Indian Penal Code, or under Section 7 of the Merchandise Marks Act. Now the design or pattern covers the whole body of the goods and it appears to us to be part and parcel of the goods and to fall within the definition of design given in Section 2 (5) of the Inventions and Designs Act of 1911. It does not appear to us to satisfy the ordinary conception of a trade mark. It is not a mark apart and different from the goods applied to them for denoting the goods to be the manufacture or merchandise of a particular person within the meaning of Section 478 of the Indian Penal Code. The copying of the design or pattern could not therefore be treated as the counterfeiting of a trademark within the meaning of Section 456, of the Indian Penal Code, nor do we think that the design or pattern can properly be brought within the definition of trade description contained in Section 2 (2) of the Merchandise Marks Act. We are therefore of opinion that no offence has been disclosed by the allegations and that process ought not to have been issued. We must accordingly quash the proceedings of the learned additional City Magistrate.

FIRE AT PAREL ROAD.

About ten o'clock last night a fire broke out on the second floor of a four-storeyed house situated in Bhendy Bazar, Parel Road.

Information being communicated to the head fire brigade station, the engines from Byculla, Babula Tank, Mandvi, Bhuleswar and Fort repaired to the scene of the fire and with combined exertion of the brigade the fire was put out in a short time. The floor, where the fire originated, was occupied by one Mehranji Munji a cap merchant. The other floors were occupied by boot and cap merchants. The tram-traffic was displaced for some time. The damage done by fire has not been ascertained and the cause is not known. The adjoining building was saved by the fire-brigade under Mr. Greenop.

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EFFECTIVE NAVAL SUPPORT.

GERMANS INVADE PORTUGUESE COLONY.

The victory of the Russians north of the Piltza river is now complete, and the whole Austro-German army is retreating. The Russians have occupied many towns, and captured several thousands of prisoners, guns and other war material, while the enemy's losses in killed and wounded are very great.

In the west all the attacks of the Germans have been repulsed, and the Allies, whose position is said to be more solid than ever, have made progress at several points, notably around Yser and south of Arras.

The Admiralty announces that the flotilla continues to support the Allies' left. The firing of the 12-inch guns which has been brought to bear on the German positions and batteries proved most effective. The enemy's submarines are trying to attack the bombarding flotilla, which is covered by destroyers.

A Paris paper describes an exploit of a Gurkha detachment, when a German ammunition store, located three and a half miles behind the German entrenched line, was blown up by a handful of these sturdy little warriors, who returned to their base unscathed after a sensational adventure which is fully described in the telegram printed below.

German troops have invaded Portuguese South West Africa. It is officially announced that German cavalry consisting of twelve Europeans and twenty natives crossed the southern border of Angola and arrived at a small military post. They were about to retire when a Portuguese officer grasped the bridle of the German officer's mount. The German troopers raised their weapons, whereupon the Portuguese guard fired, killing three Germans.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMAZING EXPLOIT BY GURKHAS.

GERMAN AMMUNITION STORE BLOWN UP.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, Oct. 30.

A Paris paper describes an exploit of the Gurkhas. All efforts, it says, of the allied artillery to dislodge German heavy batteries near Slype had failed and aviators finally located a German ammunition store three and a half miles behind the German entrenched line, seven miles from the coast.

WRIGGLED ON THEIR HANDS AND KNEES.

A Gurkha detachment disembarked at nightfall from two gunboats at the mouth of the Yser. After a long march the Gurkhas reached a point three-quarters of a mile from the ammunition store. They crouched noiselessly in a wood and six, discarding their accoutrements, wriggled on their hands and knees, their kukris in their mouths.

SIX GERMAN SENTRIES DISAPPEAR.

Half an hour passed and then the croak of a frog was heard. The forms of six German sentries, previously visible on the road, disappeared without a sound. The remaining Gurkhas dashed forward and the Allies' staff, which had been anxiously watching through night-glasses, saw a flash of light and heard a great explosion, followed by countless others as the shells exploded. The little troop safely won its way to the gunboats and next day the German batteries were moved to the rear.

SUPPORT FROM THE SEA.

EFFECTIVE SHELLING OF THE GERMAN POSITIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 30, 1-55 a.m. The Admiralty announces that the flotilla continues to support the Allies' left. Since October 27th the fire of 12-inch guns has been brought to bear on the German positions and batteries. They have been effective and accurate, and galling to the enemy. The Germans brought up heavy guns and

replied vigorously, but shore fire has now practically ceased. The preponderance of the naval gunners has been established.

Our casualties throughout were slight. One enemy's shell exploded on a destroyer, killing one officer and eight men, and wounding one officer and fifteen men.

One man was killed and several wounded on another destroyer.

The enemy's submarines are also trying to attack the bombarding flotilla, which is covered by destroyers.

PROGRESSING AT SEVERAL POINTS.

TRENCHES CAPTURED ON THE AMNE.

PARIS, Oct. 29.

M. Poincaré has arrived here on his way to the front. During yesterday we made progress at several points on the line of battle, notably around Ypres and south of Arras. There is nothing fresh to report on the Nieuport-Dixmude front. We captured several trenches between the Aisne and the Argonne. None of the enemy's attacks has been successful.

We also advanced in the forest of Apremont.

GERMANS SENDING SUBMARINES BY RAILWAY.

TO BE MOUNTED AT ZEEBRUGGE.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, Oct. 29.

The "Handelsblad" learns that parts of several German submarines are being sent to Zeebrugge by railway, where they will be mounted and sent against the British Fleet.

The "Cologne Gazette" says that the soldiers exhausted and weakened in the trenches are being sent to Germany for a few days' furlough.

"NOT JUSTIFIED BY FACTS."

Owing to Germany's preoccupation with war, American manufacturers are greatly developing the chemical, dye and toy trades. There is every indication that the boom will be permanent as it is considered that the exalted position held by German products is not justified by facts.

FIGHTING ON THE YSER.

BELGIANS' MAGNIFICENT CONDUCT.

A GERMAN OFFICER'S CANDID CONFESSION.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 29.

In the fighting on the Yser the conduct of the Belgians was magnificent and above all expectations. Above the din their battle-cry "Louvain and Termonde" could be heard. The German bay soldiers broke down and proved absolutely useless.

"POSITION NEARLY HOPELESS." The Germans are entrenching behind the Nieport-Dixmude Line. Fighting has been less severe and fewer wounded are arriving in Bruges. French troops are marching to the front to replace those who are exhausted. A German officer said that the position was nearly hopeless. The bayonet attacks were horrible; the Germans were attacked from three sides and the warship fire heaped the bodies up high.

KING ALBERT'S PROCLAMATION. King Albert has issued a proclamation stating that the Belgian Army will soon reach its former strength by means of recruits and volunteers and the Belgians will obstinately defend the parts of Belgium not yet occupied.

BELGIAN REFUGEES IN HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 29.

The British Government has offered pecuniary assistance for the relief of Belgian fugitives in Holland. The Dutch Government has declined, saying it would bear the cost of a duty which it had spontaneously undertaken.

POSITION OF TURKEY AND PERSIA

GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE TROUBLE INEFFECTUAL.

LONDON, Oct. 29.

There have been German reports from Constantinople of the co-operation of Turkey and Persia in certain contingencies, but Reuter learns that German attempts to cause trouble have been ineffectual, and the same view is taken in competent Persian quarters.

The British Government has notified the Porte that Britain will view seriously any attempt to obstruct the Shat-el-Arab channel.

THE LATE GENERAL SIR CHARLES DOUGLAS.

LONDON, Oct. 29.

General Sir Charles Douglas was buried this afternoon at Kensal Green. A distinguished gathering was present including Mr. Asquith, Earl Kitchener, the Japanese Ambassador, Military Attaches and representatives of the King and Queen and the Allies.

HOTELS FOR INDIAN WOUNDED.

LONDON, Oct. 29.

The War Office has taken two of the finest hotels in the New Forest for Indian wounded.

GREEK ADVANCE IN NORTHERN EPIRUS

ATHENS, Oct. 29.

Greek troops are advancing in northern Epirus in admirable order. They are being welcomed with intense enthusiasm.

SARAJEVO ASSASSINATIONS

THE CULPRITS SENTENCED.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 29, 4-55 a.m.

The court at Sarajevo has sentenced five men to death by hanging in connection with the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and eleven others to varying terms of penal servitude, including Princip, who shot the Archduke, and Cabrinovic, who threw the bomb. Each of these was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude.

WAR GAZETTEER.

The following places are mentioned in today's telegrams:

ARRAS.—In the dep. of Pas de Calais about 25 miles north-west of Cambrai.

APREMONT.—A small town near St. Mihiel, on the right bank of the Meuse.

BATERS.—A town in Belgium, 13 miles east of Ostend.

DIXMUE.—In Belgium, 15 miles south of Ostend.

NIEPORT.—In Belgium, on the Yser, 10 miles south-west of Ostend.

GREAT RUSSIAN VICTORY.

ENEMY IN FULL RETREAT.

GERMAN LOSSES VERY HEAVY

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

PETROGRAD, Oct. 29, 10-0 p.m.

A communiqué says:—

We have broken the resistance of the last units of the enemy north of the Piltza, and the whole Austro-German army is retreating.

We have occupied Strykow, Reschow and Novomiasto. Our cavalry has entered Radour.

We have captured several thousand prisoners, also guns, quick-firers, a train, and motor-waggons.

The enemy has made fruitless attacks in East Prussia.

The German losses are very great.

FIRST SEA LORD RESIGNS.

RECEIVED BY THE KING.

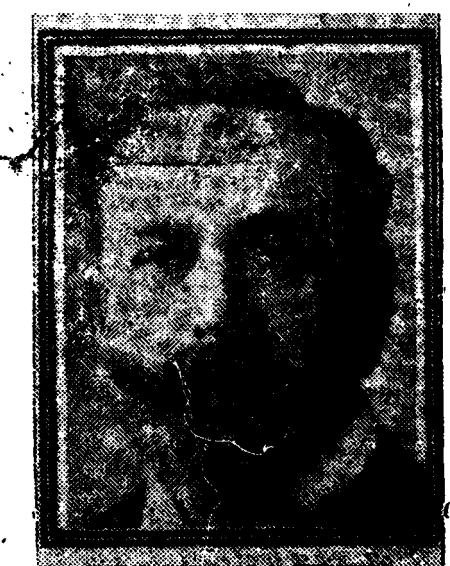
EXPLANATION TO MR. CHURCHILL.

LONDON, Oct. 30, 12-40 a.m.

It is officially announced that Vice-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg has resigned his post of First Sea-Lord at the Admiralty.

LONDON, Oct. 30, 4-15 p.m.

King George received Prince Louis of Battenberg on his resignation and directed him to be sworn as a Privy Councillor.



Prince Louis of Battenberg.

Prince Louis of Battenberg wrote as follows to Mr. Churchill on Wednesday:—I have been lately driven to the conclusion that my birth and parentage somewhat impair my usefulness to the Admiralty. I therefore feel it my duty as a loyal subject of his Majesty to resign.

Mr. Churchill replied yesterday:—The Navy to-day and still more the Navy of to-morrow bears the imprint of your work. The enormous impending influx of capital ships, the score of thirty-knot cruisers and the destroyers and submarines, unequalled in modern construction now coming to hand, are the results of labours in which the Admiralty owe you so much. The first step which secured the timely concentration of the fleet was taken by you and I must express publicly my deep indebtedness to you and the pain I feel at the severance of our official association.

Admiral Prince Louis Alexander of Battenberg, G.C.B. (Civil), G.C.V.O., K.C.B. (Military), K.C.M.G., First Sea Lord at the Admiralty since 1913, and Personal A.D.C. to the King, was born at Graz (Austria) on 24th May, 1854, being the eldest son of Prince Alexander of Hesse. His Serene Highness is a naturalised British subject, and entered the Royal Navy as Naval Cadet in 1878. He served in the Egyptian War and was awarded a medal and the Khedive's Star. In 1911 he was appointed Second Sea Lord and in 1913 succeeded Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman as First Sea Lord.

LORD FISHER TO BE FIRST SEA LORD.

LONDON, Oct. 30, 2-45 p.m.

The "Times" says that Lord Fisher will succeed Prince Louis of Battenberg.

ALLIES OCCUPY EDEA.

BORDEAUX, Oct. 30.

General Dobell, commanding the allied forces in the Cameroons, reports that two French and British columns composed of naval and military forces occupied Edea on the 26 instant. The fighting was serious and the conduct and bravery of the Allies excellent.

PORTUGUESE COLONY INVADED.

GERMAN TROOPS ENTER ANGOLA.

THREE GERMANS KILLED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

LISBON, Oct. 30, 6-30 a.m.

German troops have invaded Angola.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

LONDON, Oct. 30, 4-15 p.m.

It is officially announced that German cavalry consisting of twelve Europeans and twenty natives crossed the southern border of Angola and arrived at a small military post. They were about to retire when a Portuguese officer grasped the German officer's bridle. The German troopers raised their weapons, whereupon the Portuguese guard fired, killing three Germans.

LONDON, Oct. 30. It is pointed out that Angola, which the German troops have invaded, is a Portuguese possession in Portuguese West Africa.

Angola is the name applied to Portuguese West Africa, and has an area of 312,000 square miles and a population of two millions.

SOUTH AFRICA.

MARITZ'S REBELS.

MAJORITY CAPTURED OR SURRENDER.

LONDON, Oct. 29, 11-15 p.m.

Maritz's rebels continue to surrender fast. One hundred came in to-day, while a number were also captured on their way to their homes. It is hoped to capture the whole band.

SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

DEFENCE FORCE COMMANDER'S DECLARATION.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Oct. 29, 4-55 a.m.

Major Brand, commanding the Defence Force, has encamped at Tempe. He was formerly a Boer general. Addressing his men, he denounced the rebellion of Beyers and said that it was his holy duty to support the Government. He offered a free pass to any of his men desiring to return to their homes instead of proceeding to German South-West Africa, and only four out of twelve hundred accepted it.

THE REBELLION DENOUNCED

MR. MERRIMAN'S STRONG SPEECH.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 29, 12-20 p.m.

Mr. Merriman, in a strong speech, denounced the rebellion and emphasised that the rebels were poor and ignorant men with neither money nor ammunition. They were merely fighting for a treaty abolishing free Government and substituting German ideals.

Mr. Merriman remonstrated with General Botha for risking his too valuable life at the front.

General Botha replied with deep emotion that he must personally lead his people against their brethren.

GENERAL HERTZOG'S MISSION.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 29, 6-0 p.m.

General Hertzog has left Bloemfontein to endeavour to meet the rebel leaders and advise the men to return home.

DISAFFECTION IN NORTHERN DISTRICTS.

GREAT MAJORITY THOROUGHLY LOYAL.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 29, 11-40 p.m.

The Press Bureau announces that Lord Buxton has informed Mr. Harcourt that a number of burghers in the northern districts of the Orange Free State and Western Transvaal have been misguided enough to defy the authority of Government and make preparations for rebellion. The Government is determined to deal with the matter firmly and the very great majority of the citizens of every province are thoroughly loyal and detest the very idea of rebellion.

REBELS IN HEADLONG FLIGHT.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 29, 11-5 p.m.

It is officially announced that General Botha reports that he came into touch with the rebels on Tuesday and drove them in headlong rout for the whole day. He captured eighty of them fully armed. Only one of our men was wounded. When the report was made the pursuit was still progressing.

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THE LONG BATTLE OF THE AISNE.

ENGLAND'S PERSISTENT OPTIMISM.

BELGIUM'S CROWNING CALAMITY.

BRITISH LIBERALS AND RUSSIA.

FRIVOLITY OF THE PRESS BUREAU.

At the time the following letter was dispatched England was still waiting with cheery optimism the result of the long battle of the Aisne. The changed attitude of British Liberalism and Radicalism towards Russia is the subject of comment; as, also the continuance of Russian repressive measures during the war. The diversions of the Censor are wearying the country.

(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Oct. 30.

The Battle of the Aisne, (if that name is appropriate to a conflict that stretches across the whole of Northern France) has been going on for four weeks. The end is not in sight, and the general result cannot be foreseen. The daily dribble of news is confined to such statements, from the French side, as that the fighting has been "violent," or "very violent," the Allies have had to give way here or have gained there, and the reiterated attacks of the enemy have been repulsed. To such meagre announcements as these we add from time to time still briefer statements from the German side. These usually repeat that the fighting is still indecisive, that the attacks of the Allies have been steadily repulsed. So here we are, on the 28th day of the stupendous battle, to all intents and purposes where we were a fortnight ago. The climax is always upon us, the decision always imminent; von Kluck (if one may judge by the headlines and posters) in hourly increasing peril. But no one knows anything. The Government, it is clear, are resolved not to let any news come through until victory is certain, or until failure can no longer be hidden. Strange as it seems now that for a full fortnight the correspondents in Paris and in the rear of the fighting line should have kept up their assurances of victory already secured and have endeavoured to create in England the feeling of joyous confidence which appears to have pervaded Paris ever since the day when the invading army turned eastward. But the correspondents and headline writers have not had to work hard to produce this result, for indeed the cheeriness and confidence of the British public would seem to be invincible. The politician or journalist may show himself, privately, to be more than a little troubled; may confess that the draw-out struggle involves a grave danger to the Allies, and may reveal his misgiving at the terrific resistance of the Germans and the genius of von Kluck. But nothing of this comes near the man in the street. He is forced to admit that "they take some shifting," but his confidence remains untroubled. He cannot imagine the possibility of disaster; he can only see one end,—one end, not to the struggle as a whole, but to the battle which at the time of writing, still remains to be decided.

ANTWERP.

During the whole of this week Antwerp has been the centre of interest. The siege has been long preparing. When the invading army swept south from Liège and Brussels in August, it looked as though the Germans had no concern with Antwerp. A few points were incessantly repeated in the papers. It was laid down that the place was as strongly fortified as any in Europe; that it could hold out for months; that its investment would require an immense army, and such an army could not be spared by the Germans. But for some weeks past it has been known that the popular view rests

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ed upon a complete miscalculation. The city, despite its elaborate scheme of defences, could not be held against the German siege artillery. The Germans, had indeed decided that they can spare from the theatre of war in France sufficient troops to reduce Antwerp: indeed, they have evidently made up their minds that they must see to Antwerp in order to settle the Belgian army. This war has, among many other things, transformed military opinion as to the efficacy of forts and fortifications; and, apart from that, it will surprise nobody to learn that, on the eve of the siege operations, our authorities realised that the Antwerp forts, so far from being equipped according to the modern standard, were no more likely to stand long against bombardment than were those of Namur and Maubeuge. We await, therefore, the fall of the city, an event which must come upon Belgium as the crowning calamity of its martyrdom. For weeks past Antwerp has been the main refuge of thousands of miserable folk, fleeing from the threatened cities and from the desolated towns and villages, and it has had to accommodate the main body of the Belgian Army, and thousands of wounded. When premonitions of the siege were felt, the stream of refugees turned outward instead of inward. The English got away, as many as possible, at the end of last week, and the city authorities advised all who were thinking of fleeing to make their way northward, realising before they started out on their dismal pilgrimage that there would be no possibility of their return to the city so long as the siege or the fighting continue. From Antwerp, accordingly, there has gone out during the week a stream of homeless and despairing people, following the roads into Holland or such towns in Northern Belgium as have not yet felt the hand of the invader. And at

on the war and the duty of his people therein, and he gives an appalling picture of the world as it would be if dominated by Germany, Holland and Belgium and Eastern France annexed, all the French colonies taken, Finland a German province, Denmark to be swallowed up at the first sign of resistance, England "rules by the idea of a new war to be fought in order to get rid of the standing menace of an invasion." As for the Russian danger, Prince Kropotkin is convinced that "autocracy will never be re-established in the forms it had before 1905, and that a Russian Constitution could never take the imperialist forms and spirit which parliamentary rule has taken in Germany." And, at the worst Prince Kropotkin concludes, there will be time enough, when the danger appears, "to fight Russian Imperialism in the same way as all freedom-loving Europe is ready at this moment to combat that virulent spirit which has taken possession of Germany."

A manifesto such as this, coming from the man who of all others stands in Europe for protest against the Russian autocracy, is most significant, and we may be sure that it will work powerfully in the direction of an altered view of Russia. But still there is the other side. On the same day which saw the reproduction in the daily papers of Prince Kropotkin's letter, there came news of the fate of Bourtsch, the well known Russian Liberal, who exposed the methods of the Russian police in the Azoff affair. Bourtsch, believing in the Tsar's liberal intentions went to Petrograd for the purpose of volunteering for service in the Russian army. He was promptly arrested and imprisoned, notwithstanding that, upon his intention to enlist becoming known, he was repudiated by Russian Socialists, who declared themselves as strongly opposed to the Tsar as ever. The treatment of Bourtsch is evidently no accident or exception, for the Tsar's Government refuses to grant an amnesty to political prisoners and has lately suppressed the only Socialist paper that was left in Russia. The Paris authorities, it would be seen, find it necessary to co-operate with the Russian bureaucracy; for M. Herre, the former anti-militarist, who joined the French army, wrote an article in his paper "La Guerre Sociale" appealing for the release of Bourtsch and had it cut out by the censor. Such incidents as these are not

FOOD BY THE WAY.



Villagers of Wetteren giving bread to Belgian troops as they march through the town.

the moment of writing the great guns are playing on the famous city, which, once again, in its long and chequered history, is undergoing the horrors of siege. Its experience is, necessarily, more terrifying than at any previous time, for never before in the history of warfare has a beleaguered town had to endure a simultaneous bombardment through day and night from airships and siege howitzers.

THE HOPE OF RUSSIA.

This is to be a war of liberation for Russia. Such is the hope we hear expressed on all sides, and one of the most remarkable happenings of the past two months is the change that has come over English Radicals and Socialists, or at any rate many of the most articulate among them, in their attitude towards the Tsardom. Professor Gilbert Murray, for example, says he is glad and proud that Britain is allied with Russia, and his voice is echoed by many other intellectuals. The papers are full of articles on the superiority of the Russian character and genius to that of Germany. Pan-Slavism is contrasted most favourably with Pan-Germanism, for the Slav, we are assured, is unaggressive. Russia, moreover, is a vast reservoir of spiritual forces: her possibilities of value to humanity are infinite. Moreover, the war has united her warring races, parties, and sects. The Finns and Poles stand in with the Government; Socialists, Anarchist, and Orthodox are brethren in the crusade for Holy Russia, and the revolutionary leaders are appealing for the Russian cause. This unexampled unity is most strikingly exemplified in Prince Kropotkin, most eminent of revolutionists, an exile in England for half a lifetime, the implacable though non-resisting enemy of the Tsardom. Prince Kropotkin has published a powerful letter

calculated to encourage the belief in the war of liberation for the Russian people.

DIVERSIONS OF THE CENSOR.

"Within sight of the spot where these words are being penned the chauffeur of a General Staff motor-car is completing his morning toilet in the open. After washing hands and face in a saucer minus handle, etc." This was the Press Bureau's *bonne bouche* at the beginning of the week—the opening passage of a column contributed by the "eye-witness" present with General Headquarters at a moment of intense expectancy when the whole country was asking for news of the interminable battle. We cannot guess how long he will be permitted to turn out his descriptive frivolities for the Press Bureau to circulate in substitution of news, but there is abundant evidence that the Press and the country are getting weary to death of such trifling. Throughout this week the fog of war has been, if possible, denser than ever, and the papers bear it with what patience they can command. On Tuesday "The Times" did its best to take a rise out of the censor by means of a little chaff, thus:

We are hearing very little from the various theatres of war. The French are very reticent, though they favour us with a certain amount of extremely belated intelligence about the German defeat on the banks of the River Niemen. The "eye-witness" who chronicles the doings of the British Army has lapsed into silence since he described how a chauffeur brushes his hair. The Belgians leave their particular situation very much where it was before. The Russians, having given us one fleeting glimpse of their hosts upon the Vistula, have resolutely drawn the curtain. Even the Serbians are vaguer than usual, and spare us for once the recital of place names which no one can find on any map.

One is glad to hear that our troubles in this respect are about to be removed, or at any rate considerably diminished. The Press Bureau is under new control. Mr. F. E. Smith is replaced by Mr. Buckmaster, the Solicitor-General, and I understand that changes have been effected which will make the machinery run more smoothly and much less annoyingly than hitherto. This is well. The experiment of the Press Censorship has been a distressing failure, and the Government, we may hope, has been made to realise that its scheme and working alike have been all wrong.

QUICK-FIRER IN ACTION.



This photograph is a genuine war picture, showing a Belgian soldier manipulating a quick-firer across the Scheldt, between Termonde and Audogen.

ZEPPELINS.

THEIR LIMITATIONS.

If the report be true that Germany is building a fleet of Zeppelin airships, that fact alone suggests that there is contemplated a raid on our fleet in which the airships would co-operate with the German navy, writes a correspondent in the "Manchester Guardian." Engineers and aeronauts in this country have never put a great deal of faith in airships (as distinct, of course, from aeroplanes), but the German War Office has supported Count Zeppelin's work so strongly and in face of so many discouraging incidents that now when "the day" has come we can hardly believe Germany will abandon their hope of using airships on a grand scale. True, there are still many Continental cities upon which the airships which are now actually in service have not yet dropped bombs, and if it were not for the report that more airships are being built on, are already completed and held in reserve we might reasonably suppose that in the future as in the past phases of the war the Germans would only use their airships for land work. For the difficulties of using them effectively at sea, so far as can be judged in the absence of experience, much greater.

The whole "modus operandi" of the airship is different from that of the aeroplane. Both have propellers and engines, but there the common features end. The aeroplane is heavier than air, the airship lighter than air; and out of this distinction spring many surprising results. At one time it seemed obvious that the lighter-than-air machine must be inherently the safer. Now that both types have had a thorough trial it is clear that the theoretical advantage of the buoyant craft is more than outweighed by the difficulties of making the actual machine what on paper it ought to be. These shortcomings are quite relevant to the question of a raid by Zeppelins on our fleet, and it is well to state briefly what they are.

AN AQUATIC ANALOGY.

A fair understanding of them may be had from an aquatic analogy. Imagine a waterlogged cask floating in the sea with just so much, or so little, buoyancy that a very slight touch will cause it to sink and another almost equally slight touch will cause it to rise again. Then imagine that into this cask there is put a clockwork motor, which is set to drive a propeller of the size used for a child's toy steamboat. The resulting "craft" does not commend itself to the mind as the ideal of navigability. In perfectly calm water a voyage in a desired direction and at a desired height from the sea bottom might be made. But there would always be two things doing their best to bring the voyage to an untimely end. First, the water-logged cask would tend to become still more waterlogged, so that no effort of the propeller could prevent it from

sinking. Secondly, tides and currents do not suspend their motions for anybody's plans, and the tiny propeller could not drive a clumsy cask against them. In some respects the conditions of the airship are not quite so bad as all that; in others they are worse.

The buoyancy or lifting power of the airship is very small, because a displacement of 1,000 cubic feet only gives a buoyancy of some 62lb., while the same displacement of water gives a buoyancy of some 62,000lb. In fact, the weight of the crew alone is equal to about 5 per cent. of the whole lifting power of an airship. The significance of this becomes apparent when it is realised that in a water ship of the same size such a proportion would mean a crew of more than 10,000 men. As a matter of fact, in many circumstances of actual air-voyaging the airship is sustained at the desired level by her rudders rather than by her static buoyancy, although when she first started from the ground she ascended, maybe, by buoyancy, alone. The reason is that as the ship ascends the lighter-than-air gas with which she is filled expands and, in the Zeppelin type at any rate, escapes; so that in time some of the original buoyancy is lost. If it were not for the rudders the ship would then come down, not to the earth, but to a level which might be undesirably low. The alternative is to give somewhat of an excess of buoyancy at starting, but that means sacrificing some weight, and virtually the only weight that can be sacrificed is that of the fuel for the engines.

There, then, is the crux of the Zeppelin's limitations. To be sure of a long voyage it must be able to rise high. To rise high it must sacrifice fuel. The resultant compromise, so far as particulars are available of the recent Zeppelins, is a range of about 400 miles with one filling of fuel and gas.

TOO RISKY AN ENTERPRISE.

Now, it may or may not be more than 200 miles from the German airships base to the spot where our fleet is lying when the Zeppelins go to look for it; but unless it is very much less than 200 miles the enterprise would seem a risky one, because even when stationed over our fleet the airships would almost certainly have to keep their engines going, and so be using fuel. It might be argued that they would not need to go back to their base, but could be taken in charge by the German cruisers. That is highly improbable. It needs an elaborately arranged landing-place for a Zeppelin to come to earth upon with any safety.

Another reason for feeling a little sceptical, if not actually doubtful, of Germany's intention of raiding our fleet in this way lies in the slow speed and slower manoeuvring qualities of the airship as distinct from the aeroplane. It would seem that a cruiser or a battleship would always have a sporting chance of being able to "keep under" a Zeppelin unless shore-bound or hemmed in by a hostile fleet. And while the Zeppelin was clumsily working about to get over a big ship we would expect the Mesquite vessels with their anti-balloon guns to be firing at her. Certainly these considerations, either separately or together, do not preclude altogether the chance of a successful Zeppelin raid on the fleet, but they show its difficulties to be such that only the extreme disparity between the size of the German navy and our own would encourage this method of continuing or hastening the process of "attrition" by which Germany hopes to strike a balance.

BELGIAN ARMoured CARS.



Belgian soldiers go out sniping in these from early morning until late in the day.

GERMAN SIEGE GUNS AT LIEGE.

AN ENGINEER'S DIARY.

GALLANTRY OF A WOUNDED BELGIAN OFFICER.

"The Times" publishes the following diary of an engineer at Fort Boncelles, Liege, describing the bombardment and surrender of the fort. The writer was taken prisoner by the Germans, but managed to escape and reached England during the mail week. THE FALL OF FORT BONCELLES (LIEGE).

August 3.—Germans enter Belgium. General Leman orders the destruction of Boncelles village, situated 600 metres (about three furlongs) from the fort, it being in the line of fire. Between 11 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. August 4, 133 houses set on fire. The villagers had 15 minutes' notice to evacuate. Panic—all rushing for their lives, children in carts and wheelbarrows; the cattle were let loose, and driven before the villagers, but many were burned alive.

August 4, 4 a.m.—Engineer of fort with five volunteers ordered to blow up walls of houses still standing; 15 miners from Coqueril works who arrived also gave assistance.

August 5.—Work of dynamiting continued. Sudden firing heard in forest of Besturegard and sound of galloping horses. Retreat of mining party feared to be cut off.

from our fort. A few of our shots sufficed to clear the ground instantaneously.

ARRIVAL OF THE SIEGE GUNS.

August 13.—Arrival of German heavy artillery, placed in such a way that we could not see them nor fire at them. Impossible, therefore for us to render any help to Fort Embourg, which the enemy was now shelling.

August 14, 6 p.m.—Two shrapnels burst over our fort. The range probably being thus found, our fort was bombarded up to 8 p.m. Our telephone communications being smashed, all Belgian troops between the forts having been ordered to retreat on the 14th August, we were unable to defend ourselves. Orders were given to close the cupolas and to await events.

At 5 p.m.—Two German officers asking us in French to surrender. This is about what they said:—"You've been able to judge of the formidable power of our guns; you have been struck by 278 shells, but we have still more 'colossal' guns and your destruction will be instantaneous—Surrender!"

Reply of our officers was:—"Our honour forbids us to surrender, will resist to the end." Our men all cheered.

Half an hour later the bombardment of our fort started again, but this time from two directions. The chimney of our engine-house fell in and our stoker got burnt through a flame; the fire had to be put out. Thus our electric light went out; suffocating fumes were filling the different galleries.

August 15.—About 6 a.m. the concrete chambers where our cannons were began to fall in. Several of our cupolas turned no more.

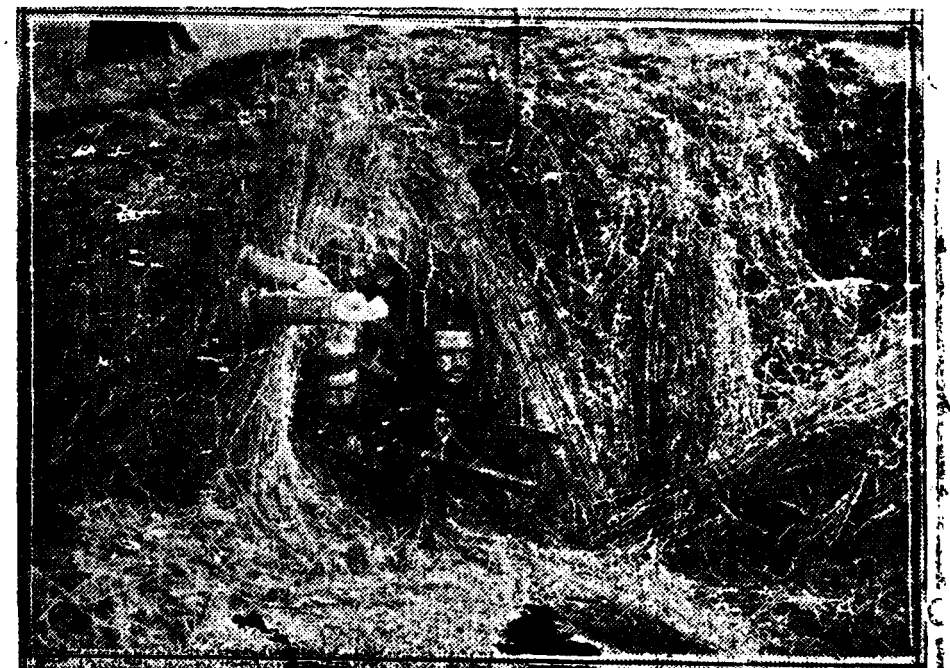
At 8 a.m. a shell pierced the roof and burst inside the fort; one of our men had his hand blown off, and two others seriously wounded. Further resistance appeared useless, especially as our wounded needed medical attendance.

ENTRY OF THE GERMANS.

It was thus decided to surrender. Three white flags were hoisted, and at once all powder magazines were inundated, rifles and cannons broken before the Germans arrived (all this was done in a few minutes whilst the Germans were entering our fort). We were sharply ordered to stand in three rows in the interior of the fort, and more than a hundred Germans immediately took possession of the glacis.

In less than 20 minutes about 10,000 Germans were in front and round our fort, with staff of officers, kitchens, ambulances, &c. As we were marched off we could see our fort was nothing but a heap of ruins. We had resisted 11 days.

APPROACH OF WINTER.



Cleverly contrived Belgian bomb and shell proof shelter on the banks of the Scheldt.

Horses turn out to be 4th Belgian Lancers, remainder of 50 that had met German troops. Last mine not exploding men return to fort (Boncelles).

10 a.m.—News received of Uhlans at Esneux. A few well-directed shots from fort causes panic among enemy, who take revenge on civil population (probably the first horrors committed by Germans in Belgium). Then alarming reports received from our four posts of observation. Three being surrounded by Germans, are ordered to retreat into fort.

From that moment Commander "Lefer" and his three lieutenants, Montois, Van der Auer, and Auer, give orders to fire—ammunitions as well as rifles. Cannons kept up firing all night; being very dark, impossible to know effect of same.

August 5.—At daybreak about 4.0 a.m. enemy was seen entrenching with mitrailleuses at about 400 metres from fort. It took five minutes to mow them down.

At 5.30 a.m. white flag was seen hoisted in field. Commander Lefer and Lieutenant Van Loo at once went on top of forts and gave orders to cease firing. He had hardly finished the sentence when he was struck in both thighs by the German bullets. A little later 80 Germans of the 74th Regiment of Hanover surrendered, and were taken off to Seraing.

Firing had now ceased on both sides. In our fort there were nine killed and 40 wounded. Orders were given to engage men from neighbouring village (at 8frs. per day) to bury the dead. It was a fearful sight. Everywhere piles of dead. In all 16,000 (sixteen thousand) identification plates were collected off dead Germans. There were 1,400 (one thousand four hundred) Belgians killed, who had been defending spaces between the forts. These were mostly of the 1st Chasseur and 9th Ligne (infantry).

About August 9 we heard that our fort had been attacked by 40,000 Germans that had come via Francorchamps, Spa, Stoumont, Aywaille, and Esneux. Our Commander "Lefer," notwithstanding his wounds, remained in the fort, giving his orders as usual, another eight days. He was then taken out unconscious in charge of the doctor into the town of Liege.

From August 8 to August 13 no enemy seen except on one day, when an attempt was made by them to dig trenches on the plateau of Cointe, a distance of 7 kilometres

HOLE AND CORNER SPIES.

FOMENTING TROUBLE IN PERSIA.

According to the newspapers, says a Petrograd correspondent, Russia has refused a Persian request for the withdrawal of troops from Azerbaijan, on the ground that Russian and other foreign interests can only be assured by the Russian occupation. Russia repeats that she has no pretensions to Persian territory, the troops exercising police rather than military functions.

German emissaries have long been seeking to foment trouble in Persia. In the summer of 1913 semi-official German agents were undoubtedly touring the country, and the reports they circulated go far to explain the present belief of many Persians that the Germans have captured St. Petersburg (Petrograd) and that the Russians are now in flight.

German Consuls have also been assiduous in spreading all kinds of reports. Among the Russians arrested in Germany is Admiral Skridloff, who was kept in gaol, and was afterwards transferred to a military camp eight hours' journey from Berlin, where he is now lodged. The Germans are utilising sellars, barns, hen-houses, and orchards, and also holes under trees or in fields, for telephoning information regarding the Russian movements. Even old women and children are engaged in the work.

CHANGE OF NAME.

A supplement to the "London Gazette" contains the Order providing that no alien enemy may, after Monday next, assume or continue the use of any name other than that by which he was ordinarily known at the beginning of the war.

This prohibition equally applies to the case of an alien enemy who is a member of a firm which changes its name or style.

A woman who, after the commencement of the war, marries an alien enemy, may, of course, use the name which she acquires on her marriage.

BOMBARDMENT OF
ANTWERP.

AVALANCHE OF SHELLS.

HAVOC BY KRUPP ARTILLERY

(By yesterday's Mail.)

A "Daily Chronicle" correspondent describing the bombardment of Antwerp city towards the middle of the mail week wrote as follows:—

A rain of shells has begun to fall on the famous city of Antwerp, and a general bombardment is proceeding.

Zeppelins have hovered over this last citadel of the Belgians dropping bombs in the streets by their terrible bombs.

Buildings are aflame in some of the suburbs, and dreadful wrecks will apparently soon be numerous.

All the time we can hear the dull booming of guns in the still air, and restless people keep leaving the waiting rooms to stand in silent groups on the platform as if fascinated by these signal notes of destruction among scenes they know so well.

My own observations from points as near to Antwerp as I am permitted to approach, and confirmed by chats with refugees, show that the German heavy guns began the bombardment at midnight.

SHELLS BURSTING OVER THE CITY.

The guns replied vigorously, and cannonading was incessant. The German shells are bursting over the city, and shrapnel spatters into the streets, but so far as known, casualties are few, as all are keeping under shelter wherever possible.

While German artillery was raining shells into the city a Zeppelin dropped bombs on the southern station, which caught fire. Several people have been wounded behind the Palais de Justice. Many houses were destroyed there and also in Turnhout-road and neighbourhood. Other Zeppelins have dropped bombs in the suburb of Berchem and in the Zurenborg quarter.

HOSPITAL STRUCK.

I am also informed that a shrapnel shell has struck the Erasmus Hospital in Fontaine-street and broken many windows.

In the midst of it all King Albert and his devoted Queen remain to encourage their gallant subjects, and to fight against the invaders to the last gasp. The Belgian soldiers, too, are fighting with stout hearts, in spite of the destructive shells of the great German Howitzers, against which the Belgian artillery is at a great disadvantage.

Dreadful and soul-stirring as the scenes within the city must be, the plight of the thousands of refugees who are flocking towards me here at Rosendaal is enough to overcome the stoutest heart.

SWAM RIVER UNDER HEAVY FIRE.

From talks with several refugees who appear reliable informants, I am able to outline the events of the past few days in the city. They are as follows:—

The Germans forced a crossing of the River Nethe near Boom on Tuesday after Forts Waelhem, Wavre, St. Catherine, and Koningshoeven were silenced. The attack was made in the triangle of the Lierre, Puers, and Antwerp.

German engineers swam the river under heavy fire in their efforts to complete the position of the bridge.

As soon as the crossing was effected heavy artillery was brought over and at once went into action.

The Germans also attempted to cross the river near Lierre, but were beaten back with heavy losses.

Fighting in this area lasted through Tuesday until last night.

300,000 GERMANS.

Severe fighting is taking place outside Antwerp.

It is now stated that there are 300,000 Germans around the city, and their General Staff is determined to enter the city at all costs. (Excision by Censor.)

At Breda, a Dutch town near here, thirteen Ursuline nuns have arrived, their convent at Londerseel, near Malines, having been destroyed.

There were 66 nuns in the convent, and they were nursing some hundreds of wounded.

In the night near Londerseel their building was shelled, and many of the less seriously wounded fled, while the others were carried tenderly into the cellars. Suddenly the whole building burst into flames, and the Belgian soldiers dashed gallantly through them and brought all the sufferers out. They were placed in cars and sent to a place of safety.

The nuns spent the next night at St. Joseph's, Londerseel. They then went by train to Bergerhout, whence the Mother Superior and 35 nuns hope to reach Ostend, and take the boat for England.

(Here a considerable portion has been excised by the Censor.)

HOSPITAL SHELLED.

At Breda also were sheltered nuns of St. Augustine's hospital from Lierre. They were the last people to leave the town. Eight days ago the first shell fell on the hospital, where 160 wounded were being nursed. Later a shell burst in a ward, killing seven men and inflicting injuries upon many others. Those who were able fled. Others were placed in cellars, where many surgical operations were performed by members of the devoted medical staff during the three days spent underground.

One of the nuns, telling of these adventures, says: "Then we managed to send all the wounded to Antwerp, but another 70 wounded were sent to us, and these were the last living people left in Lierre. Finally we took them on tram-cars to Hoogstraten, where we took refuge in a convent. Afterwards the pastor at Wust asked ten of us to help in the care of the sick and insane, and the remaining 63 of us came to Holland."

BELGIAN SOLDIERS FLEE TO HOLLAND.

This afternoon a train with 70 Belgian soldiers passed Rosendaal on the way to Breda, and 200 more are following. All were found on Dutch soil, and they will be interned until the end of the war. Some of them were in an Antwerp hospital, and made their escape when the bombardment began.

It is estimated that up to 8 o'clock this afternoon 60,000 refugees from Antwerp and the immediate district have arrived at Rosendaal.

Some remain here, but the majority have been sent on by train to other Dutch towns or to Flushing en route for England.

The refugees say that the military authorities advised all the civilian population to leave Antwerp this afternoon.

The heavy bombardment appeared to have been resumed just after midday—at 1.30—as sounds of distant booming were again very distinct here. It followed what the refugees described as a night of terror, during which there was no cessation to the bombardment, keeping them in constant dread. The southern portion of the city seemed to attract the special attention of the Germans, many shells falling in that quarter, but apparently without doing serious damage.

THE MORSE CODE OF FATE.

Thursday Morning.

I am writing this, seated on an upturned truck on Rosendaal Station, after two days

lined the platform like porters on Euston, and every refugee had at least one soldier to carry bundles and act as a guide.

I trudged into the town with a party of new arrivals, and the soldiers would not let them carry a single thing! No millionaire, prodigal with tips, was ever so well served.

One infantryman was carrying a bundle under his arm and leading a little child, while a weeping woman faltered wearily at his side. He snatched gaily in the hope of cheering them, and called the little one's attention to the dazzling headlights of a staff officer's motor-car, so that her eyes grew big with wonder, and she forgot for a moment the strangeness and fatigue of her midnight journey into the Unknown.

SYMPATHY FOR THE HOMELESS.

Another soldier was wheeling a perambulator piled high with pitifully scanty salvage from the war-wrecked home, and yet another, his arms filled with loaves of bread, brought up the rear.

Shelter was soon found. Lists had been prepared of townspeople who were willing to house and feed refugee families, and I saw soldiers knocking at doors and handing over the sad little parties to the warm hospitality of the strangers who were their friends.

A sentry stood at the door of a picture palace, and when I peeped inside I saw weary folk asleep on benches, or staring with wide eyes of hopeless sorrow as if they were reading the future.

The large Catholic church had also thrown its doors wide open to the homeless. In one pew a mother had made a bed of shawls and coats for her two children, who smiled happily in dreams while she in sleepless anguish knelt by their side and prayed with her eyes upturned towards the image of Christ over the altar.

Many slept unconsciously in awkward attitudes of unbearable fatigue. Others were drinking coffee that the church-workers handed round. Among them all a kindly faced priest tip-toed with words of cheer and hope.

NOVEL FORM OF "SPEED LIMIT."



A street littered with bricks and other debris to impede the passage of the German quick-fire cars on their way to Alost.

and two nights (or was it years?) of watching the miseries and sorrows along the frontier. My companions—but I feel privileged to call them friends, for we have travelled together, and snatched our troubled sleep side by side in railway carriages, churches, and waiting rooms, and shared our last cigarettes, brandy and chocolate—are refugees from Antwerp, who have been driven from home, and all that home means, by the onward pressure of German guns. Those guns are booming in the distance as I write.

Just now, as I stood with a little group of refugees on the south side of the station, the grey silence of dawn was broken by dull thuds like blows on a slack drum—they were the noise of guns bombarding Antwerp, the last citadel of the gallant Belgians. They seemed to beat out like a grim Morse Code of Fate the end of so many hopes. Then in silence a woman sobbed, and someone whose heart was still in the little fort beyond the city muttered, "Perhaps that shot wrecked our little home!"

I must be forgiven for having crept away stealthily from the scene in order to sit alone for a while.

DUTCH SOLDIERS AS PORTERS.

The scenes here have been etched deep into my memory by the acid of pathos. Train after train arrives, filled with refugees, until at last the rolling-stock at Eschen, the frontier station, has been exhausted. No more can escape until busy Rosendaal can return some empty carriages!

As each train steamed in it poured out crowds of refugees, each hugging those pitiful little bundles that represent all they have brought from the happy past and all they can take into the unknown future. Indeed, it was fortunate that they now found themselves among friends.

As the trains drew in, Dutch troops

At the station every available corner was occupied. In some of the offices straw was thrown down for those who wanted to rest. The waiting-rooms were filled with sad little family parties. And on the platforms were many who dropped wearily asleep.

But not all could rest. In the rush and the crowds many families were separated when the trains left Antwerp, and anxious-faced people are now going from room to room and from the church to the picture palace, scanning the faces of sleeping children in the hope of finding their own.

Husbands are seeking wives, and sons are looking for their old folk, who in the evening of their day have been caught up and tossed hither and thither by the pitiless waves of the war.

When each new train arrived these distracted ones rushed to meet it, and there were many touching scenes when families reunited.

DESPERATE MOTHERS.

Nuns arrived with six to ten patients each under their gurneys. Children lost their parents, and moved on with the endless stream crying bitterly. Mothers, half-mad by fear and anxiety, asked for their lost ones, and were driven almost to desperation by a negative answer.

But I felt that the whole crowd of thousands and thousands had only one thought, and that was to get away from the Germans.

How terribly the Germans must have behaved in poor Belgium that the people should fear them so!

Yesterday a Taube threw bombs on the railway station of Antwerp, without doing much damage, but still it was a wonder to me how so many refugees could have escaped so fortunately to Rosendaal. Perhaps the aviator will be severely reprimanded for missing a German victory over so many innocent refugees!



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more closely to those of siege warfare, the greater the resemblance of the defence to those of a fortress is a platitude; but it is one which will bear repetition if it in any way assists to make the present situation clear.

There is no doubt that the position on the Aisne was not hastily selected by the German Staff after the retreat had begun. From the choice of ground and the care with which the fields of fire have been arranged to cover all possible avenues of approach, and from the amount of work already carried out, it is clear that the contingency of having to act on the defensive was not overlooked when the details of the strategically offensive campaign were arranged.

"OUR ANSWER TO GERMANY."

PLAIN STATEMENT BY "NEW YORK TIMES."

The following leading article, which is taken from the "New York Times" of September 8, is a fair sample of the best American opinion on the rights of the war:—

In our Declaration of Independence we said that "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind" required us to declare the causes which impelled us to dissolve the political bonds that united us with the Mother Country. To prove the justice of our cause the Declaration said "Let facts be submitted to a candid world." Germany through her men of "light and leading," has appealed for the sympathy and the moral support of the people of the United States. We have given our answer. It responds to their wish, for they asked our opinion; it does not respond to their hope, since we are unable to give them our sympathy or accord to them our moral support.

The answer has been given through the innumerable voices of public opinion. We have told the Germans that in our judgment Austria was unreasonably harsh and provocative in her demands upon Serbia; that we have a profound conviction that their great emperor was guilty of a wrong against civilization in supporting the Austrian demands and the Austrian course of action; that he was wrong again in withdrawing assent from the peaceful proposals of Sir Edward Grey, in which France, Italy, and Russia joined; that it was a monstrous wrong to send the German troops across the Belgian frontier; and that, inasmuch as Great Britain, France, and Russia have taken up arms in defence of political ideals which have our approval against autocracy and militarist theories and designs which we hold in abhorrence, the sympathy and moral support we deny to Germany and to Austria are freely given to the Allies. This is the answer we make to Germany. It expresses the beliefs and the feelings of the whole American people, save only some of whose judgment is subject to the natural influence of the tide of kindred.

Since the answer we have asked for our opinion we must suppose that they value it. It is a reasoned opinion, altogether without prejudice, because for the German people we have the highest esteem and respect. Is it too much to hope that the judgment of this great people may have some weight in Germany? The full effect of what we say and feel cannot be expected—it is too late. The clash of arms, of course, drowns the voice of friendly counsel. But may we not hope that some, at least, of the great minds of Germany, the minds of men who are not wholly subdued to the terrible ideals of militarism, may be persuaded to re-examine the German course of action and to inquire afresh into the justice of the causes for which she is at war? That the progress of a war in which so many millions are engaged will be influenced by American public opinion is quite too much to hope for. But as the warring forces approach the end of the bloody arbitrament, and when the varying fortunes of war have brought the probable decision clearly into view, we may reasonably hope that the opinions we hold and have given will exert an influence that will hasten the advent of peace, peace without harsh conditions, peace that will be just and lasting.

It has been decided that no cows should be killed at this year's "Id" festival at Ajudhya.

AN AIRMAN'S DUEL.

DARING BRITISH OFFICER WOUNDED

The following descriptive account was communicated to "The Times" by an eye-witness present with General Headquarters:—

Wednesday, Sept. 23, was a perfect autumn day. It passed without incident as regards major operations, though the enemy concentrated their heavy artillery fire upon the plateau near Paisy. Nothing more than inconvenience, however, was caused. The welcome absence of wind gave our airmen a chance of which they took full advantage, gathering much information.

AN UNEQUAL COMBAT.

Unfortunately, one of our aviators, who has been particularly active in annoying the enemy by dropping bombs, was wounded in a duel in the air. Being alone on a single-seater monoplane, he was not able to use a rifle, and whilst circling above a German two-seater in an endeavour to get within pistol shot was hit by the observer of the latter, who was armed with a rifle. He managed to fly back over our lines, and by great good luck descended close to a motor-ambulance, which at once conveyed him to hospital. Against this may be set off the fact that another of our fliers exploded a bomb amongst some led artillery horses, killing several and stampeding others.

On Thursday, the 24th, the fine weather continued, as did the lull in the action, the heavy German shells falling mostly near Pargnan. On both Wednesday and Thursday the weather was so fine that many flights were made by the aviators of the French, the British, and the Germans, producing corresponding activity amongst the anti-aircraft guns. So still and clear was the atmosphere towards evening on Wednesday and during the whole of Thursday that to

those not specially on the look-out the presence of aeroplanes high up above them was first made known by the bursting of the projectiles aimed at them. The puffs of smoke from the detonating shell hung in the air for minutes on end like balls of fleecy cotton-wool before they slowly expanded and were dissipated.

From the places mentioned as being the chief targets for the enemy's heavy howitzers it will be seen that the Germans are now inclined to concentrate their fire systematically upon definite areas in which their aviators think they have located our guns, or upon villages where it is imagined our troops may be billeted. The result will be to give work to the local builders.

RATTLE AND SIEGE.

The growing resemblance of this battle to siege warfare has already been pointed out. The fact that the later actions of the Russo-Japanese War assumed a similar character was thought by many to have been due to exceptional causes, such as the narrowness of the theatre of operations between the Chinese frontier on the west and the mountainous country of Northern Korea on the east, and the lack of roads, which limited the extent of ground over which it was possible for the rival armies to manoeuvre, and the fact that both forces were tied to one line of railway.

No such factors are exerting any influence on the present battle. Nevertheless a similar situation has been produced, owing first, to the immense power of resistance possessed by an army which is amply equipped with heavy artillery and has sufficient time to fortify itself; and, secondly, to the vast size of the forces engaged, which at present stretch more than half across France. The extent of country covered is so great as to render slow any efforts to manoeuvre and march round to a flank in order to escape the costly expedient of a frontal attack against heavily fortified positions. To state that methods of attack must approximate

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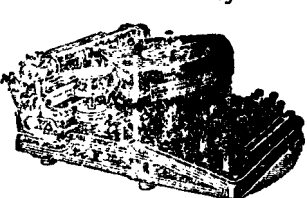
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BRITISH ON THE AISNE.

A GERMAN REGIMENT LOSES 1,400 MEN.

THE "KNUT" AT THE FRONT.

(By yesterday's Mail.)

The following descriptive account, communicated by an eye-witness present at General Headquarters, is published in the "Daily News and Leader" of October 5:—

In the presentation of striking contrasts this war is no exception to the rule. Within sight of the spot where these words are being penned the chauffeur of the General Staff motor-car is completing his morning toilet in the open. After washing hands and face in a saucepan minus the handle, which is balanced on an empty petrol can, he carefully brushes his hair with an old nailbrush, using the window of the car in which he has slept as a looking-glass. From the backward sweep he gives his somewhat long locks, and judging by his well-kept and clean but dull brogue shoes, it is clear that he has once been a "knut," in spite of his oilstained khaki service jacket and trousers. He is, in fact, an ex-public school boy, who enlisted for the war to do his bit for his country, and a right useful part he is playing.

The resignation with which many of the inhabitants accept whatever happens is a remarkable feature of the situation. They seem in no way perturbed by the incursion of strange officers and men billeted on them, whose presence, even if they appear in the shape of deliverers, must be at least a great inconvenience. At the dinner hour yesterday, in a house which in ordinary times is a second-class cafe in a small country town, this trait was exhibited in a curious degree.

A BATTLEFIELD CAFE.

The main entrance to the cafe opens on to the entrance hall and kitchen containing a long zinc cupboard table and furnished with a large cooking range. Whilst the officers billeted in the house were eating lunch and smoking in the salon next door, a continuous stream of orderlies, motorcycle dispatch riders, intelligence agents, telegraph operators, and staff officers were passing through the hall. One soldier servant was frying something at the range, and others were slicing tomatoes and onion at one end of the table.

Quite unperturbed, amid a cloud of flies, the patron, his wife, and family were discussing their own dejeuner with gusto, immersed in their own affairs, and also in a shower of grease, for they were eating artichokes, each petal of which was first dipped into a bowl of melted butter, and conveyed to the mouth with a flourish. There was so much noise and smell that it was impossible from inside the house to hear the incessant booming of the guns.

Within half a mile of this bustling scene, palpitating with life, however, was a different picture. In the clearing hospital to which the wounded had been brought from the dressing stations behind the firing line, were rows of our wounded men. In here there was no difficulty in discerning the distant roar of the artillery with which the air outside quivered.

"NO OFFICERS LEFT."

It is always instructive to regard matters from the opposing point of view, and the following further extract from the letters of prisoners may be of interest:

In all the places we passed through we found wounded and many parties of men with bandaged arms and hands. On the 15th (Sept.) we reached a village in which we thought we should get some rest, but we had hardly gone to the field kitchens for our food when shrapnel started bursting near our regiment, which was in close formation. We at once sought cover in some houses. At six o'clock our company was ordered to move up to a wood in order to protect our artillery, which was coming into action in a field, the rest of the battalion marching northwards.

On the 16th we advanced, covered by our guns. The enemy was hidden in bushes, and some were firing from houses into our trenches, which were not more than 100 yards from the village. To my right and left wounded comrades were complaining bitterly that the enemy, shooting from the houses, found too easy a mark in us. If we assumed an upright position we were immediately fired on. Two of our men endeavoured to carry a wounded man to the rear; one was killed and the other was wounded in the attempt. Soon the enemy's bullets began to get us from the right, and after about one hour, during which time the company lost about 25 men, we were forced to retire. This brought our total strength down to 80 (we started with 251 men). We had no officers left.

"OUR CONDITION REALLY AWFUL."

On the 18th, at 4-30 a.m., we reached a village where we thought we expected to be able to rest, and collected some straw. Before half an hour had passed, however, shrapnel again found us out. We spent the afternoon in the village, which was constantly under shell fire, in spite of the fact that our guns were snelling the enemy's artillery. We heard our Colonel say that our guns could not get at those of the enemy satisfactorily, as the latter were so well concealed. Our condition is now really awful, for we have to look forward to a speedy end. We are very badly off as regards food. Some of our regiments can only muster three to four companies. (The enemy returned to are the French.) Another letter written during the retreat in front of the French from Montmirail contains the following:—

"After a 36 hours' march we had a rest, and arrived just in time for the fight. For three days we did not have a hot meal because our field kitchens were lost. We got a hot meal yesterday evening. Though we are all just ready to drop we must march on."

Yet two more extracts:—
"We found great quantities of food, but for fear of poison did not take possession of it until we had got hold of the proprietor of the house and forced him to taste it."

"We are near Rheims, after having gone through hard, bloody and most horrible days. Thank God I am still alive. Of our regiment of 8,000 men there are now only 1,600. Let us hope that this battle—which ought to be one of the greatest in history—will leave me safe and well, and give a peace. I am absolutely done, but we must not despair."

THE RESPONSE OF INDIA.

LORD CURZON ON IMPERIAL UNITY.

Lord Curzon presided at a meeting of the Indian Empire Club, attended by over 300 members, which was held at the Knightsbridge Hotel on Oct. 6, to start a fund to provide aid and comforts for the Indian troops.

Lord Curzon said that no doubt in what might be termed the secondary purposes of the war—such as looting of one by one the leaves of the Colonial chapel which had hitherto adorned the brows of the German Emperor (laughter)—the Indian troops would have exerted themselves, as they were exerting themselves, with good effect, upon the result of the campaign. But those who knew India from within from the outbreak of the war hoped for much more; and those who had an opportunity of bringing influence to bear had exerted themselves, as he had, to secure that as soon as possible and as effectively as possible an Indian contingent should come to Europe and take its place alongside British troops in the campaign. They felt that the fortunes and future of the Empire as a whole were at stake, and it seemed to them that it would be a great political blunder and a crying shame if the Indian troops—as brave, as efficient, as highly organized, and as carefully disciplined as our own—were deprived of the opportunity of showing what they could do. (Cheers.) They felt that their appearance alongside our own forces would be not only a great addition to our military strength, but would also demonstrate the unity of the Empire.

The political and military ambitions of Germany threatened India as forcibly as they menaced ourselves. If Germany were victorious the result would react upon India for centuries to come, and her whole future would be affected. We were fighting no war of aggression or territorial acquisition; but, as could not too often be repeated, for great moral principles—honour, justice, truth—for fidelity to our pledged word, the sanctity of treaties, and the protection of the weak. Were not those principles just as dear to India as to ourselves? Were not those the whole foundation upon which our rule there was built, and was it not therefore obvious that it was India's interest and duty to rally to the defence as vigorously as ourselves? Further, she deserved this recognition, for in the last 40 years, with ever-increasing intensity, she had applied to take part in our wars, and she had done so with great success on Asiatic and African fields.

Again, people who knew India were anxious to see Indians co-operating with ourselves as a tremendous testimony to all people that there welfare was inseparably associated with our own, and that it was impossible for us to go into any great struggle without India desiring to go in with us. He knew nothing more dramatic or more encouraging in the whole of our connection with India than the proceedings in the Supreme Legislature when the war broke out, reflecting as it did the spontaneous and universal response of the people of all classes in India to the call of Empire. All this, he supposed, was a great shock to the German Emperor (laughter), who had confidently reckoned on a general rising against us in India when the war clouds burst in Europe.

The arrival of the Indian contingent a few days ago at Marseilles was a dramatic moment in the history of the Indian Empire and was a landmark in our connection with India. They would behave on the battlefield with as much fortitude, endurance, and valour as any European troops (cheers); they would also behave with as much humanity. (Cheers.) He was certain they would not hear of Indian troops destroying churches, murdering innocent women and children, lynching old men, or in other ways emulating the horrors that had characterized the progress of the modern apostles of "culture." They would show a spirit of co-operation and a wholehearted "camaraderie" and good fellowship, which would surprise some of our friends in Europe and would be a great guarantee of success. (Cheers.)

On the motion of Sir Andrew Wingate, seconded by General Sir A. Guselee, it was unanimously agreed to raise an "Indian Empire Club Fund" to provide aid and comforts for the Indian troops, and to make over to the fund half the assets of the club for the present year (amounting in all to £400), besides issuing an appeal for subscriptions. The money will be made over to the Indian Committee of the St. John Ambulance Association Mr. A. R. Decher was of 41, Collingham-place, S.W., was appointed honorary treasurer.

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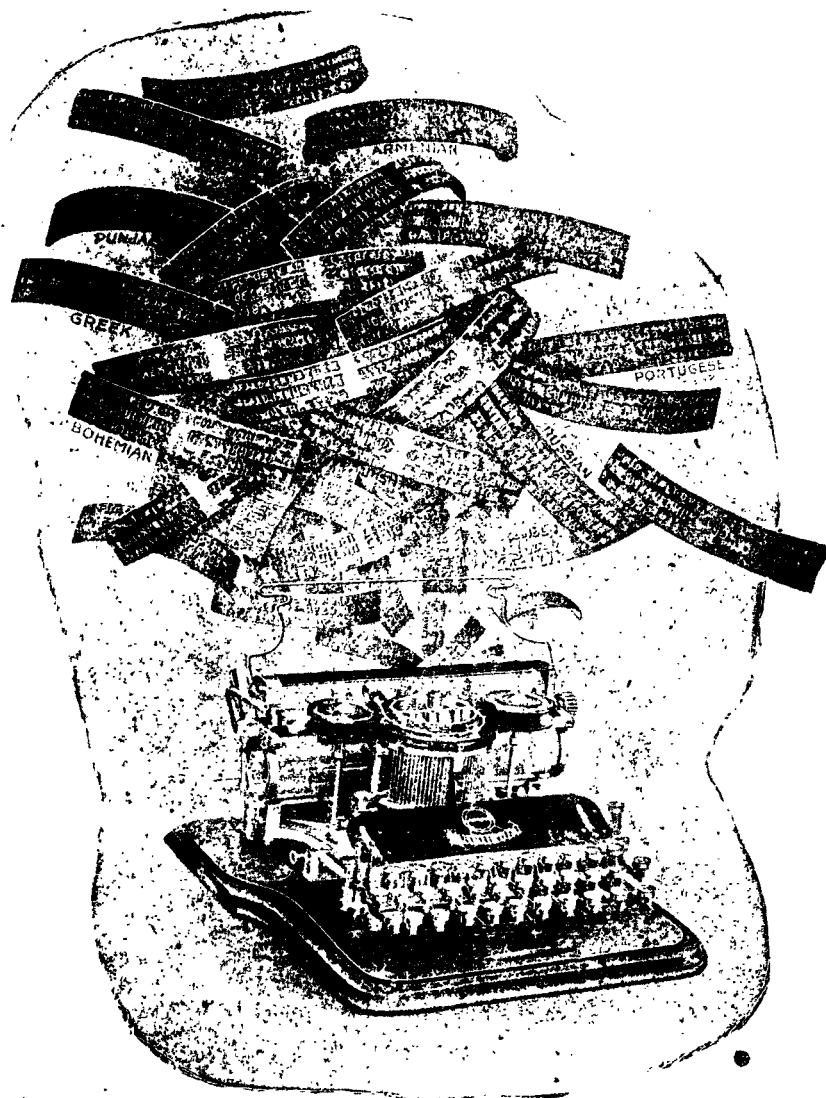
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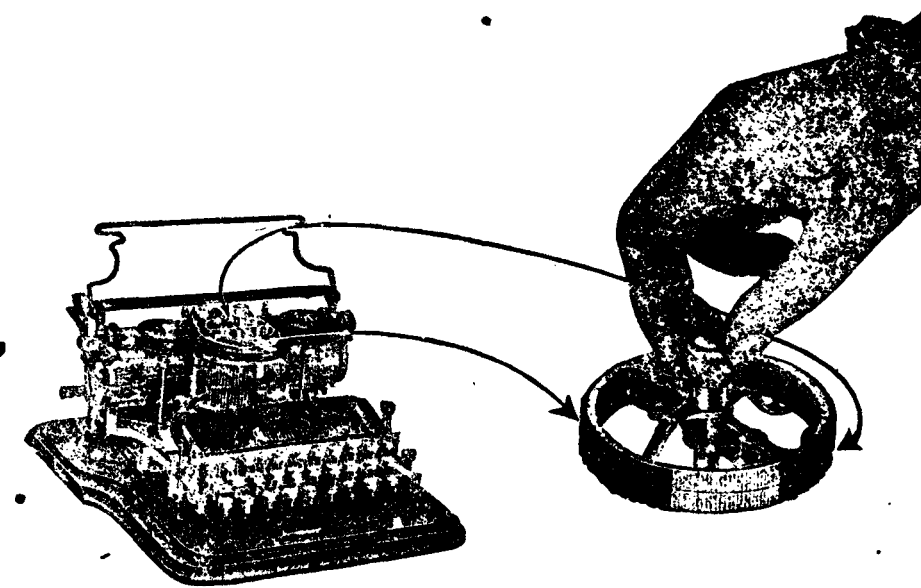
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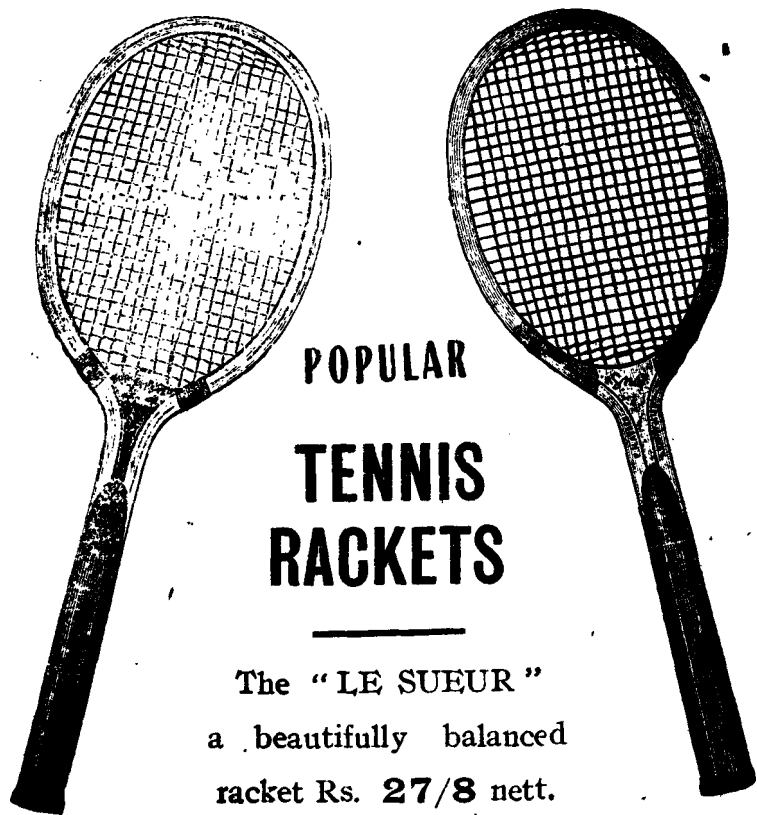
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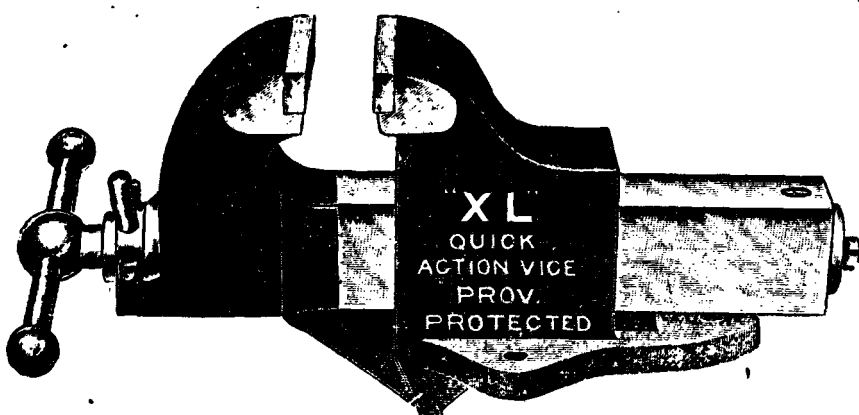
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THE FIRST CRUISER ACTION.

About 10-40 we entered the mist, and at 10-45 sounded "off action!" again. At about 10-50 we sighted the light cruiser Mainz on our starboard bow and turned towards her. The enemy was going the opposite way to us on a parallel course, and at 11-5 we opened fire at 4½ miles. She disapproved of this and turned and fled, but our destroyers coming up from the port hand headed, like the heroes they are, straight for her, firing their little guns as fast as they could lick. The enemy, having turned to starboard to evade us, turned again to starboard to elude them, which put her again on a parallel course to us, being at this time about 5½ miles away. At this juncture we swung off a torpedo at her, but before it got there she altered towards us and for a moment was on. This was the moment to rake her, but the range was rather great, and she got round, steaming the opposite way to us on a parallel course. Lyddite apparent damage, though one of our lyddite went shooting down her ripped deck and must have decimated her upper deck hands. She now opened fire on us really in earnest, and as we were leading, all their fire was at us. Their salvoes were passing right over the after part of the ship at first, where I was, and always 400 yards over so that I could hardly restrain myself from shouting aloud to the enemy—"Down 400, you silly fools! You've got us slap in the wind if you only come down 400." I got quite worried over their bad spotting instead of being most devoutly thankful for it.

The range was decreasing all this time, and it had come down to about three miles when we really started "tonking" her in real earnest. The guns were all loaded and brought to the ready. Then the salvo went off and went short, but the next got her fair at the base of the two after funnels. Both of them went up together and were hoisted over on to the disengaged side, while at the same time a fire started by one of the other ships abreast the foremost funnel spread all over the mid-ship section. One of the other ships blew up the fore bridge, and the whole ship was silenced except for her port forecastle gun, which continued to fire. We now altered course and ran in to a range of about one and a half miles, from where we fairly let her have it. The firing appears to have affected her upper works most, though her sides were considerably scarred as well. While we were on our way in we let off another torpedo, which hit her, though I could not be sure if a certain sheet of flame which shot up from the water-line about this time was the torpedo striking her shallow or a lyddite bursting between wind and water. Although palpably done for, the enemy continued to fire with her forecastle gun, whose shots now began pitching just short of our fore-castle, so that splinters of the burst shell came rattling amongst our rigging, while two were picked up on our forecastle afterwards. Fortunately, they struck no one. "NO DAMAGE, NO CASUALTIES, SIR."

At last, after an action of about 40 minutes, the Mainz ceased fire with her forecastle gun, the shield of which we afterwards found to have been wrecked by a lucky shot, and struck her flag. A cheer rose from our decks, though who it was for I cannot say. We now had time to look around. All the guns' crews had worked simply magnificently. They were all as black as Niggers from cordite smoke. The stokers' fire brigade and the sick berth staff, who should have been down below, were on deck, humping along the ammunition supply, the rate of fire of the guns being very high, and quite beyond the best efforts of the supply party. The Gunner Lieutenant performed his last duty with great gusto, and went the round of the ship looking for damage, knowing perfectly that there was none. He then returned to the Captain and reported, with face black but beaming: "No damage, no casualties, Sir." The credit, of course, does not lie in sinking the enemy, for we were 3 to 1, but in sinking her so quickly that she had no chance of injuring us before she went for her long docking. The Mainz's crew were

now called away, and as we were the leading ship, and the only one the enemy had fired at, we fully expected to be told to take charge of her, and, if we could save her, tow her in to Harwich or some such place by way of bucking up the public with something solid. The battle cruisers, however, came up at this juncture, and some destroyers which had been nosing about in the mist, secure in their speed, sniffed out another enemy ship. We, therefore, steamed off in the wake of the battle-cruisers, leaving our lightest, slowest and weakest ship, to save the survivors of the Mainz and to send the ship to the bottom.

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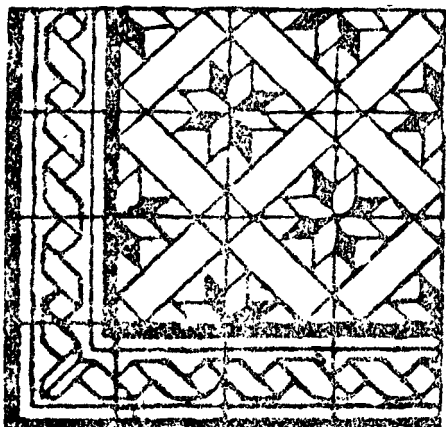
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A Customs House is the most essential auxiliary of a government. We may trace its origin to the most ancient usage of levying tolls at naka or radiating corner, for purposes of obtaining revenue. No organised government, however primitive or rude, can exist without raising the wind from those who must trade or barter and be afforded protection of their commodities. He must be a man of resource who first devised the toll system, which if closely looked into, is based on equity. The trader or the rudimentary barterer has to dispose of his cattle or food stuffs or commodities, be they for domestic utility or for the purposes of indulging in luxury. He must have means of communication for conveying them from the place of production to the place of distribution or market. That communication be it a road or some kind of a ferry has to be built. It has to be kept in a condition of tolerable repairs. More, when the goods enter the village or town they have to be protected from thieves, which demands watchmen. Thus expenses have to be incurred. And it is but fair that the user of the road and the trader whose goods have to be safeguarded must pay for those expenses. Thus it came to pass that tolls came into vogue almost everywhere. In India the toll system has been exceedingly old, and no prince brought it to greater perfection than Chandragupta over 2,000 years ago. Of course as population and trade grew, specially with foreign countries, the tolls became more valuable. At the same time the collection of goods brought in from abroad or exported outside, became essential. The levy of the customs dues rendered it essential that goods imported or exported or both should pass through a single door where the toll can be collected. There could be no ingress or egress without paying the dues. The place or house where the dues had to be paid came to be called "Customs House." It was obvious that it should be cheek by jowl with the harbour or landing place.

THE BOMBAY CUSTOMS HOUSE.

Our own Customs House, where it is presently situated is at least 150 years old. In the main its features have not altered since it was first built. There is a little history of it. In 1608, the Customs House of Bombay was situated in the Town Barracks, in the Fort near the Moddy Bay. But by 1714, that is 106 years afterwards, it was found inconvenient and a house had to be built. It was brought near the very edge of what was still in vogue. There is a very old marble slab proclaiming the construction. The bunder itself, however, has undergone three improvements during the nineteenth century, the first having taken place as early as 1802. In the fifties the Customs House was a large struggling place, but was always crowded by a variety of persons, the lascars of the boats which came alongside the bunder, the coolies who hauled goods up and down, the muckadams who cleared the goods, the chittiwallas who got the import and export manifests properly made out, the middleman and the smaller class of traders. Entering the main gate and reaching the edge of the bunder you saw hundreds of native craft hustling each other and the crew toppling or vociferating. That same is presented to-day except that, despite the docks, the crowds are large enough. All the clerical offices were situated below while the chittiwallas drove a roaring trade. And the half-a-dozen Assistant Commissioners had also their respective offices on the ground floor.

POPULAR OFFICIALS.

The Assistant Commissioners most popular and well-known; were Messrs. Faulkner, Silva and Mehrjiboy Bapuji Viciji and Ramchandra Laxmanji of the Bhao Raoji family. Sometimes my youthful curiosity prompted me to accompany my father who had a good deal to do with those amiable and obliging officials. Mr. Faulkner was a man of great humour, very courteous and evidently bent on pleasing those who came to him on business. He made it a point that no needless friction existed between him and the traders. Faulkner, it is said, made his "big pile" during the prosperous days of the share mania. Being extremely canny, he soon after retired, being one of the few Assistant Commissioners who escaped the aftermath. Messrs. Souza and Silva were equally amiable and did their work so as to elicit the praise of their superiors. So, too, Mr. Viciji, who was the son of the great Bapuji Mehrji, the bankers of the Nizam. The firm came to grief in 1843 and had to go into insolvency. So Bapuji's sons had to seek employment. Mr. Mehrji joined the Customs, while another brother, Mr. Hormasji, was provided with an assessorship in the Municipality in 1865. Mr. Mehrji was not only popular and obliging with the traders, but also with the members of his

own community. He was a bit of a dandy, and was the only Parsi who used to wear gloves of an evening at the Bandstand where he was a regular frequenter. Indeed he seemed to us younger folk quite an institution there. He was go-ahead, and a social reformer. In the fifties there was one Mr. Spooner, a Civilian, who was Chief Commissioner of Customs—a middle-aged personage, somewhat short, lame, but keen in stimulating trade and devising facilities for helping commerce. In the olden days, at the commencement of the nineteenth century, the Covenanted Clerks of the East India Company who lived in the town had been accommodated with apartments on the first floor of the Customs House. Even Mr. Kimloch Forbes the author of the "Ras Mala," who rose to be a distinguished judge of the Appellate Side of the Supreme Court of Judicature, was said to have lived in one of the apartments during his early career.

OLDER THAN THE TOWN HALL.

In 1895 the Customs House went on to undergo transformation by way of a good stone porch. Another storey was added to accommodate some other offices connected with the growing work of the Customs House. Some good changes were made during the Commissioner's Mr. (afterwards Sir Charles) Pritchard. Thus the Customs House may be said to have stood where it was a hundred and fifty years ago. It was a fine specimen of an old fashioned public building constructed for the special purpose designed. As such it is older than the next door Town Hall, though not so old as the Town Barracks, which are, indeed, a monument of the art of the architect and builder of the seventeenth century. Your "sanitary" barracks of the day may be better in some ways, but it will be readily recognised that nothing can approach these barracks even to-day, though they have been for the last seventy years put to altogether a different purpose. The Castle and the Barracks are twins and the oldest relics of the Bombay of the seventeenth century after its acquisition which, as antiquarians tell us, was not acquired without much travail some seven years after the date of the marriage of Charles II. The Portuguese administrator of the day was so unwilling to part with the island, and brought forward a variety of objections when the Earl of Marlborough in 1662 first came with his warship, and four other ships, to demand the cession of the island in the name of his sovereign.

THE TOWN BARRACKS.

But a few words more may be said about these Town Barracks. They are a solid piece of masonry, exceedingly rare and hardly to be found in the city, save the earliest basin of the Bombay Dockyard, which the Portuguese had built in the middle of the sixteenth century. These barracks were approached by their main westerly entrance, fronting the Bazargate Street, and you stand at once in the midst of a spacious quadrangle. At the right and left of the entrance gates are a flight of steps which lead to the top floor. The ground floor on its three sides within the quadrangle have many rooms where one European regiment, generally belonging to the East India Company, was located, being intended for the soldiers of British troops, who were always lodged at Colaba. It may be observed here that the European soldiery all over India was divided in the fifties, prior to the Queen's proclamation of 1858, into two, the troops recruited by the East India Company, in this country and maintained at its expense, and the troops brought here on service from the United Kingdom. The E. I. European soldiery was mostly of Eurasians, or "half-castes," as they were called, and were allowed to marry Eurasian or even Indian women. The married were generally accommodated in another block, equally substantial on the opposite side of the road. This married barracks had thus its facing eastward and its back to the west, overlooking Homji Street, better known as Byramji Homji Lane which turns into Gunbow Road in the north.

EAST INDIA COMPANY'S SOLDIERS.

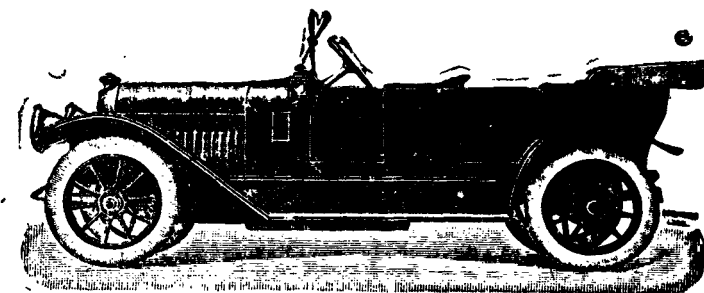
These E. I. Company soldiers of all branches, infantry, artillery and cavalry, were fine men, but they were in marked contrast with the ruddy, sturdy folk on service from Great Britain. One vice was most prominent in them—insobriety! Sandy Seventy in his youth, in the fifties, used to witness many a drunken brawl in Bazargate Street, almost once a week. And when these kept company with the jolly company of the mercantile ships "on a spree" in the town, it was a sight to terrify all timid folk, specially the small bania shopkeepers in Gunbow and Bazargate Streets who vended groceries, including tea, sugar and coffee. In a brawl one had to run up for protection to these shops, for they always ran amok, these tipsy soldiers, among the passers-by. In those days the police was scarce, and more or less when one was patrolling he would take to his heels. There were a few sturdy Parsi shopkeepers, licensed liquor sellers. These were the men who were brave enough to intervene, and bring to an end the quarrel and carry them home peacefully. There were two such young fellows of great intrepidity and courage who would seize the strongest brawler by the neck and tame him down as a bear-leader could tame his playing bear. The two brothers were known by the name of "Makoo Sailors." Whether they are alive or dead the deponent cannot say, but some years ago they had established themselves as barrack contractors at Colaba and were known by the name of "OLD AND VENERATED NAMES." They are talking of lofty and ventilated

rooms in modern barracks, but one had just look at the ground floor rooms of the Town Barracks in the fifties to be convinced how lofty they were, and how cool and pleasant they must have been. There was adjoining the married quarters a mess-house, a fine one-storied building which for years served as the "Shipping Office" after the Town Barracks were put to a different use. This building also may be said, along with another of the same character used for stores in the adjoining lane, still known as Military Store Lane, to be old, possibly co-eval with the Barracks themselves. I remember well that in 1856 Dr. Buist, the well known scientist and editor of the "Bombay Times" had with great efforts opened a "museum," the very first of its kind in the city and I had, with my other school fellows, the pleasure of being sent out to view it. If I remember rightly Dr. Buist (now Sir George) Birdwood was the coadjutor or lieutenant. One heaves a deep sigh of relief when recalling such old and venerated names of our early youth. The name of Dr. Buist was well known in the literary circles of Bombay, and was everywhere respected till his rabid diatribes against the whole Indian community in the columns of his paper during the darkest days of 1857, alienated the sympathy of all good men and true, European and Indian. The proprietors of the "Bombay Times," who were almost all Indians, had had to ask him to resign the editorship which then passed into the hands of that "Bayard of Anglo-Indian Journalism" Robert Knight, of the greatest journalistic purity and irreproachable. Dr. Buist later on started on his own hook, the "Bombay Standard," but for want of support it was eventually amalgamated, after a brief existence, with the "Bombay Times," which soon after was christened the "Times of India." To our great satisfaction Sir George Birdwood is still alive and active as ever with his unceasing literary pen. Perhaps, none is more competent to write a local history of Bombay of the latter fifties than he, who was then Professor of Materia Medica in the Grant Medical College. Sir George is a personage of the strongest likes and dislikes. But be his opinions on Indian problems what they may, Sir George's deep and abiding sympathy for India, and his warm love for the Indian people, are too well known to require any eulogy here. He is one of our few living Indian antiquarians, and we are always profited by his antiquarian contributions on India to the pages of the Journal of the Society of Arts. His scholarly and illuminating writings deserve a niche in the Indian Temple of Fame, and no place is worthier to cherish and preserve those writings than the Royal Asiatic Society, of which he was a most conspicuous member, and for many years its inspecting secretary. But once again sighs and inquiries where are men of the type of Buists and the Birdwoods? Echo answers "Where?"

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